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Monroe Explorer Post #315 Takes Home 10 Awards at Firefighter Muster Event

Monroe, WA—On Saturday, April 25th, Monroe Fire District #3 Explorers competed against other posts in the 2009 Washington Association of Future Firefighters Muster, where they took home 10 awards for both individual and team performance. This year's event was the largest in its history with 89 participants and 23 teams competing in various firefighter challenges. Teams from fire departments such as Snohomish, Duvall, South Pierce, Bellevue, Seattle, Vashon Island, SeaTac, Tukwila, Woodinville, and Monroe, competed in this year's Muster. Explorers are individuals between the ages of 14-21 who train with experienced firefighters in hopes of one day becoming career firefighters themselves.

Monroe's Explorers made a masterful showing in most of the events, often placing in the top five of the individual competitions. According to MFD #3 firefighter and Explorer advisor Ray Sayah, "this was definitely the best Muster that I have seen (for Monroe Fire) since I started attending the event in 2004."

Muster Awards for Monroe Explorer Post #315 included:

Individuals:

Ropes and Knots, Tool Hoist: 4th Place, Brandon Fabing (Team A)
Making a Hydrant: 1st Place, Brandon Fabing, (Team A)
SCBA and Bunker Gear Relay: 3rd Place, Tyler Barney (Team B)
SCBA and Bunker Gear Relay: 5th Place, Dylan Comer (Team B)

Team Awards:

Ropes and Knots, Tool Hoist: 2nd Place, Team A
Combat Challenge Relay: 3rd place, Team A
SCBA and Bunker Gear: 5th Place, Team A
Making a Hydrant: 3rd Place, Team A
SCBA and Bunker Gear: 3rd Place, Team B
Overall Muster Ranking: 5th Place, Team A

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MFD #3 teams included the following firefighters:

Team A:

Ciara Pape (Lieutenant and acting Captain)
Luke Boyce
Brandon Fabing
Ramone Chavez

Team B:

Tyler Barney (Lieutenant)
Dylan Comer
Kyle Comer
Brandon Partridge

Advisors (MFD #3 firefighters):

Ray Sayah
Chad Olson
Lyle Bartley

MFD #3 Explorers demonstrated their dedication, strength, and skills during this event, making MFD #3 firefighters, officers, and staff extremely proud.

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(please see attached photos)