Helping Your Community

Explorers assist the St. Petersburg Police Officers and help serve the community at numerous local events.

Explorers participate in many of the City's parades throughout the year by looking for lost children and helping to keep the youth safe at these events.

Explorers also volunteer at the Police Athletic League (P.A.L.) and work with the children on various types of projects and sports. We also attend other events and help teach children about various safety topics to include, pedestrian and bicycle safety.

Meeting Information

St. Petersburg Police Department
Basement Meeting Room
1300 1st Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33705

Explorers meet every Monday from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM except city holidays.

Note: Meeting dates and times change periodically due to ongoing events, training or holidays. Please contact the Explorer Post Advisor for meeting information.

For additional information about the Explorer program contact:
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Do You Want to Explore What Law Enforcement Is All About?

St. Petersburg Police Explorer Program

What is an Explorer?

Are you curious about law enforcement? Becoming a Police Explorer allows young adults from ages 14-19 to discover what policing is really like. Exploring gives you the chance to work directly with police officers, go on ride-alongs, receive police training, meet new friends, and feel good about helping out in your community.

The program is part of the Boy Scouts of America - Learning for Life and sponsored by the St. Petersburg Police Department.

All Explorer activities are supervised by certified police officers. Police Explorers is for anyone interested in becoming a police officer, learning about forensics, becoming a police dispatcher, and more.

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To Become an Explorer

Young adults, male and female, are encouraged to join. You must meet these criteria:

Must be in school and completed the eighth grade and must be at least 14 years-of-age, but not older than 19 years-of-age.

While being enrolled in a high school, you must maintain a 2.0 GPA. (Must have a 2.5 GPA to participate in ride-alongs and firearms).

Pass a thorough background check

Explorer uniforms and other privileges are earned after being a member in good standing for a minimum of four months.

The process:

Join us at a Monday night meeting in our main headquarters, 1300 1st Avenue North (basement meeting room) from 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM. At that meeting, you will receive an Explorer application.

An applicant must attend four consecutive Monday night meetings. At the fourth meeting, the applicant will receive an oral interview board and their peers, along with the Explorer Post Advisor will decide acceptance.

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Get an Inside View on Law Enforcement

Through the Explorer Program, you'll have hands-on, close-up chance to learn how the law works in your community. Many of our topics include traffic crashes, police report writing, laws (State & Local), handling firearms, the dangers of drugs, and many more. These topics are taught by police officers.

Everyone has an opportunity to travel and make new friends with other Explorers from other parts of the country by attending State and National Police Explorer conventions and competitions.

Parental approval is required, which includes signatures by the Explorer and his/her parents on a general liability release form.

Parents may be asked to help with the costs of boots, belts, travel and other items.

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