



What is Law Enforcement Exploring?

The purpose of Law Enforcement Exploring is to provide young adults who may be interested in a career in law enforcement with a comprehensive program of training, competition, service and practical experiences. Character development, physical fitness, good citizenship and patriotism are integral components of the overall program. Through their involvement in the program, Explorers develop an awareness of the purpose, mission and objectives of law enforcement agencies. The support of the chief executive officer of the agency, along with a dedicated cadre of law enforcement professionals and adult volunteers who provide adult leadership, is essential to the success of any Post. Although Exploring depends on volunteer leadership, professional Exploring/Learning for Life executives are available to provide assistance and support.

Purpose:

- To provide a program of training that educates young adults on the purpose, mission and objectives of law enforcement agencies.
- To provide an opportunity for service, practical experiences, competition and recreation.
- To help prepare Explorers become better citizens and community members through character development, physical fitness, good citizenship and patriotism.

What will Cadets learn?

Typical Law Enforcement Explorer basic training curriculums include, but are not limited to, the following topics:

- A. The history of law enforcement.
- B. Patrol procedures.
- C. Criminal Law.
- D. Juvenile Law.
- E. Arrest, Search & Seizure.

- F. Report Writing.
- G. Crisis Intervention.
- H. Ethics.
- I. Self-Defense.
- J. Traffic control/Crowd Control.
- K. Accident investigation.
- L. Traffic Stops – Misdemeanor and Felony.
- M. Basic first aid & CPR.
- N. Radio communication procedures.
- O. Crime prevention techniques.
- P. Crime scene search techniques.
- Q. Community/public relations.
- R. Dangerous Drugs and Narcotics.
- S. Criminology.
- T. Physical Fitness

What will Cadets do?

- Receive hands on application of law enforcement duties.
- Participate in Ride-along
- Crime prevention services
- Assist in agency information booth at career fairs and community events
- Traffic/crowd control at parades, festivals and other community events

Still interested?

Eligibility Requirements:

Law Enforcement Exploring is open to young adults ages 13, through 20 years old.

Due to the sensitive nature of law enforcement operations, most agencies establish additional eligibility standards for prospective Explorers. Additionally, it is a fact that the ability of a Post to maintain the support of the agency, and to be effective, is dependent upon attracting well-qualified members. These standards often include, but are not limited to:

- As a prerequisite for joining a hold harmless and release form for the agency and Learning for Life must be executed by the parents or legal guardian and/or the Explorer if of legal age to sign such a form.
- Must not have any prior convictions for any criminal offenses or serious traffic offenses.
- Must have and maintain a minimum of a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) in high school or college to remain in the Post.
- Must complete a basic training course and a probationary period.
- Must undergo a thorough background review to assess character and integrity that will include interviews with neighbors, teachers and employers.

- Must keep body weight in proportion to height and maintain a high level of physical fitness.
- Complete Cadet Application
- Pay dues and other required fees (field trips, food on trips, purchase uniforms)
- Commit to attending meetings regularly and participating in other events
- Be good citizen- at school, home and in community

Explorer Post Leadership:

Field Training Officer Perkins
Solon Police Department
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Detective Joyce Sherwood
Orange Village Police Department

DARE Officer JoAnn Felton
Solon Police Department

This program is done in partnership with the Orange Village Police Department.

Meeting Times and Locations:

Meetings are usually held Thursdays, every other or just once a month at 6:00pm (1800 hours) to 8:00pm (2000 hours).

Meeting locations and times may change from meeting to meeting depending on the agenda and staff scheduling. Those changes will be announced.

Cost and Equipment:

The cost of the program will be \$65 dollars (initial cost, renewals each year are cheaper since your son will already have the polo shirt). This cost will cover an embroidered polo uniform shirt and the insurance fees that go to the Boy Scouts of America (governing body for Exploring). Checks can be made out the "Solon Police Department" in memo section write "Explorers". Cadets also need to wear Khaki cargo pants, black boots and a black belt all which can be purchased on your own.



EXPLORER CADET-APPLICATION FORM

IF YOU WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE SOLON & ORANGE VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT EXPLORER PROGRAM, COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THIS FORM IN FULL. PLEASE PRINT AND RETURN TO THE,

**SOLON POLICE DEPARTMENT
ATTN: OFFICER PERKINS
33000 SOLON ROAD, SOLON, OHIO 44139**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE# _____ **CELL PHONE #** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MOTHER'S NAME & PHONE # _____

FATHER'S NAME & PHONE # _____

SCHOOL: _____ **SHIRT SIZE:** _____

DRIVERS LICENSE # _____ **DATE OF BIRTH/AGE** _____

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME? _____ **IF YES PLEASE EXPLAIN BELOW:**

I AFFIRM THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS ACCURATE AND UNDERSTAND THAT IF I AM SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SOLON POLICE EXPLORERS PROGRAM, THE SOLON POLICE DEPARTMENT MAY CONDUCT A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK PRIOR TO THE START OF THE PROGRAM.

CADET SIGNATURE : _____ **DATE:** _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____