



Explorer Program

.01 Policy

It is the policy of the Bladensburg Police Department to utilize auxiliary programs to support law enforcement related community service functions and to serve as a resource in emergency situations and during special events.

.02 Terms

.03 Governing Legislation and Reference

Governing Legislation: N/A

Forms: N/A

Reference: N/A

.04 Procedure

The Department sponsors a Police Explorer Post in accordance with guidelines and regulations set forth by the Boy Scouts of America. The Post has By-Laws governing their day to day operations which will not conflict with department general orders.

The Department will provide the Explorer Post with officers to serve as Senior Advisor and Advisor for the purpose of overseeing the operations of the Post.

The Explorer Post is financed independently of the

Department and has a Senior Advisor responsible for maintaining the fiscal records. Special fund-raising projects may be held from time to time for the purpose of raising money necessary to operate the Post. Donations received from the community or for specific services performed by Post members will be deposited in the Post's bank account.

Explorers are not certified law enforcement members. Accordingly, they may not present themselves as such, interfere with the duties of a law enforcement member, or carry any weapon, either lethal or non-lethal.

Uniforms will be provided by the Post for Explorers to wear at Post functions. These uniforms are distinguishable from the uniform worn by sworn members.

Explorers may serve the Department in voluntary service such as Communications or Uniform Patrol Division via the ride along program. Explorers seeking to ride along with a sworn member must first be 16 years of age and successfully complete the Explorer Ride-Along Academy. Explorers conducting such activities will be under the direct supervision of an assigned member, and are to obey all directions provided.

HISTORY: Adopted July 1, 2014

This General Order supersedes all other orders and memoranda in conflict therewith.

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