



Leander Police Explorer Post#641 Welcome to Law Enforcement Exploring

The Leander Police Department is proud to be launching Leander's first law enforcement Explorer Post, Post#641. This program was developed and implemented as a result of a growing interest in the field of law enforcement among high school students in the Leander area.

WHAT ARE POLICE EXPLORERS?

Law Enforcement Exploring is a part of the Boy Scouts of America. It is designed to acquaint young people with the nature and complexity of law enforcement. The purpose is to:

- Build Individual Character
- Develop Leadership Skills
- Gain Appreciation of Community Service
- Develop Good Citizenship

Nationally, there are over 50,000 youth involved in over 2000 law enforcement Posts.

WHAT ARE THE GOALS & OBJECTIVES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORING?

The goals and objectives of the Leander Police Department Explorer Program are to:

- Further the Explorer's Education
- Encourage their participation in a wide variety of service activities
- Enhance the Explorer's preparation for future roles as citizens, leaders and future law enforcement officers

EXPLORING PROGRAMS ARE BASED ON FIVE AREAS OF EMPHASIS:

- 1) **Career Opportunities**
 - a. Develop potential contacts that may broaden employment options
 - b. Boost self-confidence and experience success at school and work
- 2) **Life Skills**
 - a. Develop physical and mental fitness
 - b. Experience positive social interaction
- 3) **Citizenship**
 - a. Encourage the skill and desire to help others
 - b. Gain a keen respect for the basic rights of others
- 4) **Character Education**
 - a. Help make ethical choices
 - b. Fulfill one's responsibilities to society as a whole
- 5) **Leadership Experience**
 - a. Acquire leadership skills necessary to fulfill one's responsibilities in society
 - b. Develop a variety of leadership traits

HOW DO YOU QUALIFY FOR THE LEANDER POLICE EXPLORERS?

The Leander Police Explorer Program is **SELECTIVE**, and there are certain requirements that **MUST** be met by each applicant. The following are a list of those requirements:

- 14-20 years old (9th grade and above)
- Be enrolled in school and have at least a "C" average
- Serious interest in law enforcement
- Must pass a criminal background check; the applicant must NOT have been convicted or has ever been on court-ordered community supervision, probation, or deferred adjudication for **any criminal offense that is a Class "B" or higher**. The applicant must have no current criminal charges pending for **any criminal offense that is a Class "B" or higher**. (Note: Any arrest for a criminal violation will be taken under advisement by the Post Advisor and the Advisory Executive Board, who may waive this criteria depending on the facts surrounding the situation)
- Parental approval must be obtained if under 18.
- Complete a Leander Police Explorer Application Packet
- Applicant must have reliable transportation.

EXPECTATIONS

In order to remain in good standing with the Explorer Post, members are required to:

- Attend regular meetings being held **every other Wednesday** from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM at the Leander Police Department. *These meetings are mandatory!*
- Maintain at least a "C" average in school
- Be in good health and maintain a neat appearance
- Always conduct oneself in a manner that complies with the law and with the policies of the Leander Police Department.

MEETINGS/TRAINING

- Regular meetings are held every other Wednesday from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- Meetings consist of administrative updates, scheduling upcoming events, and training.
- Due to the nature of the work, the training is very formal and disciplined
- Training will be both academically and physically demanding.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES

Police Explorers perform a variety of community services at parades, festivals, and special events. Occasionally, the Explorers could be called out to assist police officers in non-hazardous emergency situations, such as searching for missing children, searching for evidence, etc.

Other duties may include assistance with:

- Office clerical work
- Crime prevention programs
- Traffic and crowd control at special events
- Citizen's Police Academy
- Role-players in training scenarios
- Fundraisers
- State and National Explorer Competitions
- Honor Guard
- Other duties as required by the Leander Police Department.