Palo Alto Police Explorer Post 61

275 Forest Ave, Palo Alto, CA 94301

What is Law Enforcement Exploring?

Law Enforcement Exploring, a division of Learning for Life, is a volunteer career education program for young men and women interested in law enforcement. In partnership with the Palo Alto Police Department, Explorers will receive training and education in various aspects of police work, such as criminal law, CSI, first aid, traffic enforcement, patrol procedures, and more…

Explorer Activities

Explorers will participate in regular meetings consisting of a mix of classroom training and hands-on application of learned skills. Explorers will be expected to attend the local Police Explorer Academy to learn the fundamentals of police work.

Explorers will have opportunities to provide community services during public events such as traffic/crowd control, search and rescue, natural disaster response, and more (as appropriate to the position). Explorers may also perform volunteer services at Department and participate as role-players in training exercises. Sworn Police Officers will supervise Explorers at all events. The Explorer Post will also organize social activities not related to law enforcement for fun and team development. Explorers will also have first-hand opportunities to experience police work through a structured ride-along program.

Qualifications

To be eligible, Explorers must:
- Be at least 14 years old, but not yet 21 years old
- Have and maintain a 2.0 GPA or better
- Be able and willing to attend all meetings (2 hours each, 2 per month)
- Pass a background check and interview
- Purchase part of your own uniform (some financial assistance may be available)

Explorers are also **required** to attend the regional Explorer Academy (9 consecutive weekends – Sunday or Saturday – in Fall or Winter) to learn the fundamentals of police work and gain leadership experience. The Explorer Academy is a prerequisite to some other activities and promotion.

For more information or an application, please contact Ruth Carias at 650-329-2597.

Please fill out this questionnaire completely. All statements are subject to verification and incorrect or falsified statements may bar or remove you from membership. Please send or bring this application to the Palo Alto Police Department. If you have questions, please contact Ruth Carias at 650-329-2597 or email her at ruth.cariasaguilar@cityofpaloalto.org.

Basic Personal Information

Last Name: _____   First Name: _____

Home Address: _____
                          (#, Street, City, State, Zip)

Home Phone: _____   Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____   Birthday: _____

Mom's Name: _____   Dad's Name: _____

School: _____   Grade Level: _____

Current GPA: _____

Employer: _____   Supervisor: _____

Work Address: _____
                          (#, Street, City, State, Zip)

Driver's License # (if you have one):   _____

References

List 2 adults not related to you that have known you for at least 2 years (teacher, employer, family friends, etc.)

Person 1: _____   Phone #: _____

Your relation to this person: _____

Person 2: _____   Phone #: _____

Your relation to this person: _____

About You

Why do you want to be a Law Enforcement Explorer?

Explorers are:
   1. ***REQUIRED*** *to attend all meetings the 1ˢᵗ and 3ʳᵈ Wednesday of the month from 7pm to 9pm*
   2. ***REQUIRED*** *to attend the regional Explorer Academy which runs for 8 Sundays and 1 Saturday in a row (starting in September or January) from 7am to 6pm within* <u>one</u> *year of joining the Post*
   3. *EXPECTED to pay for part of the uniform (financial assistance is available if needed)*

Please use this space below to answer any of these questions if they apply to you. Use additional paper if necessary:
   A. Do you have any problems meeting the above requirements?
   B. Have you ever been in trouble with the police for any reason?
   C. Are you now or have you ever been part of any other Explorer Post?
   D. Is there anything else we need to know about you? (Special circumstances or other comments)

I hereby certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge and I understand that false statements or answers will disqualify me from the Palo Alto Police Explorer Program.

Applicant   Print
Signature: _____   Name: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian   Print
Signature: _____   Name: _____