

FREDERICK POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER

Section 13: Community Involvement **Order Number:** 1380
Topic: FREDERICK POLICE EXPLORER PROGRAM **Issued by:** Chief of Police
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.01 PURPOSE:

To characterize the Department's Police Explorer Program.

.02 CROSS-REF:

SOP [SOD-046](#), "Law Enforcement Explorer Post 153"
CALEA STANDARDS 44.1.1

.03 DISCUSSION:

The Frederick Police Department's Law Enforcement Explorer Program is coordinated through the Special Operations Division in conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America; is chartered by Learning for Life; and was established for young adults, ages 14 to 20, in order to educate them about, and expose them to, careers in law enforcement.

.04 POLICY:

Frederick Police Explorers are non-sworn volunteers who do *not* have police powers. The Special Operations Division Supervisors and any assigned sworn police officers will act as liaisons with officers and advisors to the Explorers in order to provide leadership, guidance and instruction with regard to the many activities the Explorers become involved in, as well as with the numerous functions in which the Explorers assist the Department.

.05 DEFINITIONS:

.10 REQUIREMENTS:

Several requirements must be met for a young adult to be a member of the Frederick Police Department's Explorer Post #153:

1. Have a strong interest in law enforcement. This interest does not have to be just an interest in the Frederick Police Department, but could be from the federal, state, or any local level.
2. Be between the ages of 14 and 20, after which time they may be considered for a position as an adult advisor.
3. The young adult must pass a background check. For individuals under the age of 18, background checks will consist of contacts with county law enforcement agencies, as well as review of departmental records. In the case of individuals age 18 or above, an F.B.I. employment background check will be conducted. Persons with criminal or must-appear motor vehicle convictions will be ineligible.
4. Once admitted to the Post, members must abide by the rules and regulations of the Post.

.15 EXPLORER TRAINING:

The Frederick Police Department Explorer Post members will have continuing training throughout the year. Generally, meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of every month at a location to

be determined by the Post Advisor. These meetings will serve not only as informational meetings, but also as training sessions. The meeting dates, times and locations are subject to change. The topics of these training sessions include:

1. Police Radio Procedures;
2. Traffic Direction;
3. Criminal Justice System;
4. Firearms Safety;
5. First-aid; and,
6. Other issues Related to Law Enforcement.

.20 ACTIVITIES:

1. Explorers participate in many activities throughout the year. Some activities include, but are not limited to:
 - A. Working with other Posts;
 - B. Tours of area law enforcement agencies;
 - C. Advanced Training Exercises;
 - D. National Law Enforcement Explorer Conference and,
 - E. Potomac Boundaries Law Enforcement Youth Academy.
2. The Explorers of Post #153 also assist the Frederick Police Department in numerous community and special events:
 - A. Fund raisers for the Post;
 - B. Community clean-ups;
 - C. Assisting charities; and,
 - D. Detailing with/for the Frederick Police Department.

.25 ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Explorers will never be exclusively detailed to assignments requiring sworn officers. When assisting sworn personnel with details, Explorers will at all times be:
 - A. Teamed with another Explorer(s);
 - B. Teamed with sworn personnel; or,
 - C. Within the vision and control of a sworn officer.
2. Sworn supervisory personnel will ensure that, at a minimum, each Explorer *team* will be equipped with a departmental radio. No Explorer will be detailed to any assignment without

access to viable communication with sworn personnel and Headquarters. EXPLORERS WILL NOT BE ARMED WITH ANY WEAPONS AT ANY TIME.

.30 UNIFORMS:

In order to distinguish Explorers from sworn police officers, their uniforms will be clearly distinct from the sworn uniform. Minimally, this will be accomplished with an Explorer shoulder patch, as well as a uniform shirt separate and distinct from the shirt worn by sworn personnel.