

CAREER IN LAW ENFORCEMENT?



The West Fargo Police Explorer program can help you answer that question. Through hands-on training, Explorers learn about basic police procedures, techniques and tactics. They also tour facilities of agencies that work closely with the police. Explorers have the opportunity to test what they have learned in competitions with other police Explorers. Explorers also help the police department with local community events such as parades and community picnics.

West Fargo Police Explorers will receive training that will not only prepare them police specific applications, but also to be effective adults in the community. Many Explorers go on to become police officers, and the skills learned as an explorer are invaluable. Explorers that do not choose law enforcement as a career come away with valuable life skills as well. Effective communication, problem solving, leadership, and other skills will be learned through the explorer post.

The West Fargo Police Explorer Post meets twice monthly, generally on Sunday evenings.

If you're curious about the possibility of a career in law enforcement, we invite you to participate.

**FOR AN APPLICATION
OR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT:**

**DETECTIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON
AT 701-433-5500**

OR GO ONLINE

www.WestFargoPolice.com

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West Fargo Police Department

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Explorers Post 281



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"Law Enforcement is a Community Effort"

WHAT IS EXPLORING?

Law Enforcement Exploring is a unique career exploration program for young men and women ages 14-20. Exploring provides educational training programs for young adults on the purposes, mission, and objectives of law enforcement. The program provides career orientation experiences, leadership opportunities, and community service activities. The primary goals of the program are to help young adults choose a career path within law enforcement and to challenge them to become responsible citizens of their communities and the nation.



REQUIREMENTS

- Interest in Law Enforcement.
- Students 14-20 years old.
- Clear Criminal Record.
- Respectable Driving Record.
- Maintain 2.0 GPA or better.
- Mature, Responsible, Self-disciplined & Dedicated.
- Attend at least 70% of Meetings.
- Be willing to volunteer time to participate in Explorer Post functions.
- Pay annual dues for insurance.
- Must remain current on dues and abide by all rules and regulations which govern the West Fargo Police Explorer Post.

ACTIVITIES

- Police Department Tour
- Ride-Alongs
- Dispatch Tour
- Police K-9 Demo
- Firearm Safety
- Use of Force
- Defensive Tactics
- Arrest & Search Procedures
- Fire Department Tour
- Drug Enforcement
- SWAT / Bomb Squad / Negotiations
- DUI Enforcement
- Crime Scenes
- Traffic Stops
- Traffic/Crowd Control
- Community Events
- Summer Field Trip
- End of Year Award Ceremony

HOW DO I JOIN?

Members of the Explorer Program are non-paid volunteers. To join, you must complete an application, which is available in person at the West Fargo Police Department or online at westfargopolice.com



CHIEF'S MESSAGE

The West Fargo Police Department is proud to offer a unique program to the students of West Fargo called the "West Fargo Police Explorer Post." The program is meant to be educational and help our youth better understand both their Police Department and their community.

As Chief of Police, I am excited about the opportunity this program brings to both the students we serve and to the officers and staff within the Police Department. Better communication promotes better understanding by both the officers and the students. Perhaps no branch of the government is more public than your Police Department because police work has its inception in good citizenship. One of the most effective deterrents to crime is an alert public. A public aware of its responsibilities and willing to cooperate with their law enforcement officers benefit everyone.

I welcome you to join the "West Fargo Police Explorer Post" and share in this learning process. I believe your participation in the academy will be fun, interesting, and rewarding.

Mike Reitan
Chief of Police