



Lewis County Sheriff's Office

Explorer Post 771

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PURPOSE

The intent of the Law Enforcement Explorers is to educate and involve youth in police operations, to interest them in possible law enforcement careers, and to build mutual understanding. Through involvement, the Explorer Program establishes an awareness of the complexities of law enforcement service.

POLICY

Law Enforcement Explorers provide valuable service to the Lewis County Sheriff's and participate in many community events.

ELIGIBILITY

Law Enforcement Explorers must be at least fourteen years of age and past the eighth grade. Pass a background check and have established a consistent pattern of responsible citizenship and use of good judgment as evidenced by the absence of any of the following in your background.

- Convictions for an offense that is a felony in Washington State.
- Convictions for a gross misdemeanor offense.
- Convictions for a misdemeanor offense.
- Convictions for any domestic violence offense.
- Convictions for any charge/offense that shows aggression toward or disrespect for police officers.
- Indicators that your integrity, honesty, character or work habits would be incompatible with the ethical standards and values of the Lewis County Sheriff's Office.

APPLICATION/STEPS TO BECOMING AN EXPLORER

- Complete and sign the volunteer application and waiver form. Submit in person to the Sheriff's Office.
- Successfully pass a criminal history check.
- Successfully complete an Oral Board.
- Understand and agree to the terms and conditions of exploring for LCSO.

Lewis County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Exploring Program

The Lewis County Sheriff's Office Explorers are invaluable to the Sheriff's Office. They contribute to the ability of the commissioned officers to perform the duties of their positions and provide a service that contributes to the quality of life in our community. They help make Lewis County a great place to live, work and raise our families by supporting the Mission and Code of Ethics of the Lewis County Sheriff's Office.

Minimum Requirements for Lewis County Sheriff's Office Support Volunteers:

- Explorers must be able to commit to two meetings per month consisting of two hours per meeting. Ride-alongs and community events are an additional expectation of each explorer.
- Explorers must be able to successfully complete a background check, which includes both reference checks and a criminal history check.
- Explorers must support the Lewis County Sheriff's Office and comply with confidentiality requirements and department policies and procedures.
- Explorers must attend bi-monthly meetings. Training sessions may be offered separate from normal meetings nights.

LCSO offers a variety of Explorer Volunteer opportunities such as:

Photo/Document scanning
Filing
Evidence
STP Bike Ride
SWW Fair/ Youth Fair
Child ID program
Safety City
Special Assignments