

BETHALTO POLICE EXPLORER



WHAT OTHER ACTIVITIES DO POLICE SCOUTS PARTICIPATE IN?

- Volunteer for Special Olympics
- Fund raising events
- Attendance at training seminars and State and National conferences
- And much more



UNIFORMS and EQUIPMENT

- All required uniforms and equipment are supplied by the Explorer Post
- Scouts must provide a black belt and black shoes

TO BE A BETHALTO EXPLORER, YOU MUST:

- Be a male or female between the ages of 14 and 21
- Must have completed at least the 8th grade
- Be of good character and pass a criminal history check
- Be in good academic standing

HOW DO I APPLY?

- Applications can be picked up at the Bethalto Police Department
- Information about the program can be obtained by calling the Police Dept. (377-5266) or stopping by the Dept.



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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A BETHALTO LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER?

There are more than 2,200 Law Enforcement Explorer posts throughout the United States chartered to over 1,800 Law Enforcement agencies. The Bethalto Explorer Post gives interested young people the opportunity to build good character, promote good citizenship, develop personal and mental fitness, while gaining a valuable insight to the Criminal Justice System.

Although Police Explorers are not allowed to expose themselves to any dangerous situations, they do work side-by-side assisting police officers in the performance of some of their duties.



WHAT WILL I LEARN THROUGH THE POLICE EXPLORER PROGRAM?

- Police dispatch training
- FCC rules and regulations
- Proper radio procedures
- Complaint taking
- Interpersonal skills
- Use of National, State and Regional Enforcement computer systems
- Police report writing
- Patrol techniques and court room procedures
- Traffic accident and crime scene
- Crime detection and prevention

HOW DO I BECOME A POLICE EXPLORER?

After turning in an application, the Bethalto Police Department will conduct a thorough criminal history check, personal background investigation, and school history check. If the applicant passes this phase, he/she will be granted an oral interview with the Explorer adviser. This allows the applicant to ask any questions he/she may have about the Post or the Police Department. If all of the above is approved, the applicant will be ranked as a Scout Observer. He/she will be allowed to sit in the Police Department to learn about the Explorer program.

When the "Observation period" has been completed, the applicant will be promoted to the Bethalto Police Law Enforcement Explorer.

WHAT IS A POLICE EXPLORER'S DUTIES?

Bethalto Law Enforcement Explorers are responsible for providing security and public assistance at school events, carnivals, parades, and other special events occurring in Bethalto and surrounding areas.