

# Get an Inside View of Policing



Explorers receive all the basic patrol procedures training that police officers learn while attending the police academy.

Skills learned cover a wide range of topics: Traffic Stops and Control, K-9, Field Interviews, Report Writing, Building Search, Accident Investigations, Basic Driving Techniques, and Lost Kids.

Training includes supervised firearms safety, closed course emergency vehicle operations, training and tactics and defensive tactics. Explorers are supervised by police officers and are not authorized to carry any weapons or be trained in the use of force.

Are you curious about law enforcement? Becoming a Police Explorer allows young adults from age 14-21 to discover what policing is really like. Exploring gives you the chance to work directly with police officers, go on ride-alongs, receive police training, meet new friends, and feel good about helping out in your community. Exploring requires your dedication, and it is a very rewarding opportunity. It is also a lot of fun!

Exploring gives you the experience you need to make an informed decision about your future, while allowing you to build useful skills in helping others right now. The SPD Explorer program can also qualify for high school or college credit including service learning credits.



# What is an Explorer?

# Help Out Your Community



Explorers assist SPD police officers and help serve the community at numerous local events.

Explorers participate in many of the activities surrounding SEAFair and take part in many other local street fairs, festivals, and parades throughout the year. Explorers also help out with many Department events such as the Picnic in the Precincts and the Awards Banquet.

Responsibilities are performed under officer supervision and include traffic control, public relations and light security.

# Become a Police Explorer



# EXPLORE

## You are eligible to be an Explorer if:

- You are between 14 and 21 years of age.
- You are registered as a full-time student with a grade point average of 2.5 or above.
- You have not been convicted of a felony or serious misdemeanor.
- You can successfully pass a minimum background check and oral interview.

## The process to become an Explorer:

- You must attend two consecutive meetings.
- You must complete an application.
- You must pass a Background Investigation.
- You must pass an oral interview.

## Meeting Information

**Seattle Police Department  
Advanced Training Building**  
2203 Airport Way South  
Building C, Suite 1200  
Seattle, WA 98134  
(Airport Way, S/S Walker St.)

Meetings are held on the **second and fourth Tuesdays** of every month.  
**6:00-9:00 P.M.**

**Note:** Meeting dates and times change periodically due to ongoing events, training or holidays. Please contact an advisor prior to the arrival of your first meeting.



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