

# **LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER EXPLORING**

**Law Enforcement Career Exploring** is open to young men and women ages 14 (and completed the 8th grade) and not yet 21 years old with an interest in learning more about careers in the field of Law Enforcement.

Law Enforcement 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.

Nationally, over 33,000 Explorers and 8,425 adult volunteers participate in Law Enforcement Exploring. The program highlights include: the National Law Enforcement Exploring Leadership Academies, ride-alongs, career achievement awards, National Law Enforcement Exploring Conferences, and scholarship opportunities.

## **The most popular Law Enforcement Exploring careers include:**

- Police Officers
  - Sheriffs
  - Federal Agents
- State Police/Highway Patrol
  - Probation Officers
  - Military Police
  - Correction Officers

Law Enforcement Exploring combines some classroom training with Ride-Alongs in police vehicles, Pistol Shooting, Community Policing and much more...

Typically, a young adult will either: 1) get involved, learn about a career, and decide to pursue it; OR 2) learn enough about the career to determine it's not the right fit for them. It's better to learn as a young adult that a career is not for you, than after spending lots of money on an education only to THEN discover you don't like the career!

Exploring leaders volunteer their time to provide real-world career experiences for young adults. Exploring is not about lectures and slide shows – it's about gaining practical experience in a career field. The result is a program of activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow, and develop.