

Denver Police Explorer Program



What is Law Enforcement Exploring?

- Law Enforcement Exploring provides educational training programs for young adults ages 15 through 20 years old on the purposes, mission, and objectives of law enforcement.
- The program provides career orientation experiences, leadership opportunities, and community service activities.
- It is designed to:
 - Help young adults choose a career path in law enforcement.
 - Challenge young adults to become responsible members of their communities and the nation.



Qualifications and Application

Qualifications:

- Be at least 15 years of age, but not passed their 20th birthday upon joining.
- Maintain a 2.5 GPA.

Participants are required to:

- Be free of repetitive and/or serious criminal charges (reviewed on a case-by-case basis).
- Be free of alcohol or drug use, including the misuse of prescription medications.
- Possess and display high degrees of honesty, integrity, discipline, morals and ethics.

Training and Orientation

If you meet the qualifications, the next stage of program participation is a panel interview. Individuals are then selected and receive an offer to join.

Every meeting is a training meeting with instruction by Denver Police Officers.

- Participants must attend and successfully complete an *Explorer Police Academy* which is held once a week on Wednesdays for 13 weeks. The start date for the next Academy is October 9th at 5:30 pm.
- Must be able to attend **weekly training meetings** consistently. These meetings are held every Wednesday at the Denver Police Academy from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 pm.



Explorer Recruit Academy

The Recruit Academy focuses on fundamental skills, knowledge and attitudes and is intended to lay the foundation for future training. Courses include instruction on:

- Personal Discipline
- Leadership
- Officer Safety
- Basic Handcuffing
- Basic Law



Graduate Training

Advanced Explorer Training focuses on:

- Specific tasks of a law enforcement officer;
- Hands-on and practical training; and
- De-escalation.

Examples of graduate training activities include traffic stops, searching a building for an armed suspect, handling an active shooter, responding to a domestic dispute, and conducting an investigation.



Colorado Post Demographics

Agency	F	M	African American	Hispanic	Asian	White
Denver	8	18	2	15	1	8
Loveland	5	8	0	2	1	10
Jeffco*	50%	50%	1	5	Not reported	Not reported
Boulder SO	2	2	0	2	0	2
Weld	4	4	0	3	0	5
Castle Rock	6	6	0	1	0	11
Ft. Collins	8	3	0	6	0	5

*Reported total over 10 years

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How We Help The Community

The Explorer Program has donated thousands of working hours to benefit the community, assisting in events such as:

- Police Officer Funerals and Memorials
- Parking Management for Special Events
- Community Donation Events (Basket Giveaways, School Supply Donations)



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Fees and/or Costs

Starting dues:

- \$90 at the start of a recruit academy
 - This covers uniform costs, secondary insurance, and events.

Yearly dues:

- Every January, all Explorers pay \$55 to help cover the aforementioned costs and Explorer events.

The program will work with participants who have issues with making patents on a case-by-case basis.



LEEPAAC

DPD is proud to be a member of the Law Enforcement Explorer Post Advisors Association of Colorado (LEEPAAC).

LEEPAAC puts on a regional conference every summer for Explorers. During the conference, Explorers live on a college campus for six days. They are placed into teams where they compete in at least five simulated events. The top five teams in each event win a medal or trophy.



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2019 Conference

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Why Choose Denver?

Many agencies in the Denver Metro Area operate fully functional, excellent Explorer posts.

The Denver Police Department's Police Explorer Program is the largest post in Colorado, provides outstanding training opportunities, emphasizes diversity, and provides meaningful leadership training and engagement.

Questions?
