



# EXPLORER PROGRAM

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# **PINECREST POLICE EXPLORERS**

## **WHAT IS LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORING?**

The intent of Law Enforcement Exploring is to educate and involve young people about police operations, and to inform and educate them about the many different possibilities for future employment in the law enforcement field. Through personal, hands-on involvement with many different aspects of police operations, the law enforcement Explorer program gives participants a unique perspective and awareness of the complexities and rewards of police service.

## **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

Although most Law Enforcement Exploring activities are of an educational nature, social activities are also included. Explorers are given the opportunity to broaden their understanding and gain first hand knowledge of the challenges and job skills that make up their community's police service. The Explorer program will encourage the individual to continue their education, encourage the Explorer to participate in rewarding and productive community service activities, and help the Explorer prepare for their future roles as citizens and community leaders.

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Membership in the Law Enforcement Explorer program is open to both males and females, ages 14-21. Each Explorer applicant must undergo a background check to ensure that the applicant is not been involved in incidents reflecting negatively on his or her moral turpitude, and that he or she has not been convicted of a serious crime. Additionally, acceptance into the Explorer program requires a minimum grade point average of a 2.0, which must be maintained for the duration of the individual's participation as a Police Explorer.

## **TRAINING**

Law Enforcement Exploring, by its very nature, is an orientation into the police profession. Toward that end, all Explorers will receive formalized, hands-on training, provided in an Explorer Academy. This academy will give the Explorer insight into the type of training a police officer must complete before becoming a sworn officer.

### **TRAINING TOPICS INCLUDE:**

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| A. History of law enforcement             | E. Crime prevention techniques                                      |
| B. Patrol procedures                      | F. Crime Scene Investigation  |
| C. Traffic control/accident investigation | G. Community/public relations                                       |
| D. Radio/Dispatch procedures              | H. Basic first aid  |
| I. Traffic Stops                          | J. Building Searches  |
| K. Constitutional Law                     | * Firearms training under strict supervision by Explorer Advisor. * |

## **UNIFORM**

Every Explorer will be required to wear a mandatory uniform to all Explorer related events. The basic uniform consists of a white shirt (Explorer patches on each sleeve and silver Explorer badge), blue pants and black shoes. To ensure that the Explorer is readily identified as such, the Explorer uniform is noticeably different from that worn by sworn police officers. Explorers are limited to wearing a whistle, handcuffs, and flashlight on their uniform belt.

## **RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM**

Participating in the Ride-Along Program is one of the most enjoyable and valuable aspects of being an Explorer. After an Explorer successfully completes his or her Explorer Academy training, he or she will be eligible to participate in the Ride-Along program. The purpose of this program is to provide the law enforcement Explorer with first-hand knowledge of the patrol function as well as a broader understanding of basic police procedures. Explorers get the opportunity to ride on patrol with a police officer, to engage in conversation with police officers during their performance of routine patrol functions, and to get a first-hand look at what it means to keep their community safe by being a police officer.

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**EXPLORER ACADEMY COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

**I. General Information**

This is an 80 hour academy. Classes will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, for eleven weeks, at the Pinecrest Police Station Roll Call room, 12645 South Dixie Hwy, Pinecrest, Florida 33156 and will include a variety of law enforcement related topics.

Explorers are required to meet several different criteria to successfully complete the program and graduate.

**II. Appearance**

Explorers are required to dress appropriately for class. They must be neat and clean at all times. They will be representing the Village of Pinecrest along with the Pinecrest Police Department and should take pride in their appearance.

**III. Protocol**

The Explorers elect a class leader during the third week of class. That leader maintains the position for the remainder of the class unless removed by the instructor. There is absolutely no smoking or use of any tobacco products permitted inside or on the grounds of the Police station or in any police vehicle.

**IV. Attendance**

An Explorer may miss up to 12 hours of the eighty hour class, provided the absence is due to illness or an emergency. When returning to class, the Explorer must present a note from his or her parent/guardian. If the Explorer misses over twelve hours, he or she will not be allowed to continue the class.

**V. Academics**

The student will be required to keep a notebook reflecting all of the information presented during the instruction period. The notebook will be collected twice during the eleven weeks and will be graded on a pass/fail basis. The grade will be based on organization and content.



# VILLAGE OF PINECREST POLICE EXPLORER PROGRAM

**POST NUMBER: 0115**

## APPLICATION AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS EXPLORER APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardians name:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardians address:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardians phone:  
Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you employed? \_\_\_\_\_ Where: \_\_\_\_\_

Average hours of work per week: \_\_\_\_\_

Career interests:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Previous training:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Do you have a valid driver's license? \_\_\_\_\_ If "YES", for how long: \_\_\_\_\_

List any traffic violations you have received? Use additional paper if necessary

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Have you ever been arrested for a crime? \_\_\_\_\_ If "YES", what and when?

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Have you ever been convicted of a crime? \_\_\_\_\_ If "YES", what and when?

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Have you ever used drugs? \_\_\_\_\_ If "YES", what and when?

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Have you ever been suspended from school? \_\_\_\_\_ If "YES", when and why?

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Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

How many days: absent: \_\_\_\_\_ Tardy last semester: \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter \_\_\_\_\_

What is your current GPA, or when you last attended school?

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**Adult reference:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ phone number \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby apply for the position of Pinecrest Police Explorer. I further consent and authorize the Police Department to conduct a background check including, but not limited to, a juvenile and criminal history records check.

**Waiver of Liability, Release of Claims, and Indemnification**

As consideration for being a member of the Pinecrest Police Explorers and thereby being permitted to engage in Pinecrest Police Explorer activities which further my or my child's education and knowledge of police activities;

I, the undersigned, hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Village of Pinecrest, its officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers harmless from any and all claims, injuries, or damages of any nature, sustained to my person or property which occur as a result of or during my, or my child's accompanying members of the Pinecrest Police Department during their official duties, or during Pinecrest Police explorer activities.

I further release and waive any and all claims and causes of action, including but not limited to actions based on negligence, which may arise against the Village of Pinecrest, its officials, officers, employees, agents and volunteers, as a result of any injury to my or my child's person or property which occur as a result of or during my or my child's accompanying members of the Pinecrest Police Department during their official duties, or while engaging in any Pinecrest Police Explorer activity.

I further agree for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to defend and indemnify the Village of Pinecrest, its officials, officers, employees, agents and volunteers, their sureties against any and all actions, suits, debts, claims, demands, damages, liability, or expenses of any kind incurred or arising by reason of any actual or claimed negligence or wrongful act or omission of mine or my child's while accompanying any Village of Pinecrest official, officer, employee, agent, and volunteers, or while engaging in any Pinecrest Police Explorer activity. All parties signing below endorse the preceding three paragraphs as their own and represent that the waiver of liability, release of claims, and indemnification is entered into a knowing and intelligent manner and pursuant to his or her free will.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESSED: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Statement of Understanding**

I HEREBY REPRESENT THAT I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THIS DOCUMENT CONSISTING OF GENERAL MEMBER REQUIREMENTS, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, APPLICATION, AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT, AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THESE DOCUMENTS AND SIGN SAME OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

EXECUTED AT \_\_\_\_\_, ON THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY  
OF \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT MEMBER:

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS:  
\_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_

AS PARENT OR GUARDIAN

OF \_\_\_\_\_, I HAVE READ THE ATTACHED FORMS AS NOTED ABOVE AND AGREE TO ALL OF THE TERMS CONTAINED THEREIN.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

HOME PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

WORK PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

DATED \_\_\_\_\_

NOTARY: Subscribed and sworn before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.  
Notary in an for the Sate of Florida

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Residing in \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Pinecrest Police Department Hold Harmless Agreement**

In consideration of the Village of Pinecrest granting the undersigned the opportunity to accompany an employee of the Pinecrest Police Department in the performance of said employee's duties by riding with said employee in a Village owned vehicle: and the undersigned, recognizing the fact that the duties of the officers of the Village are inherently dangerous and that no duty is owed to the passenger while such employee is engaged in his or her official duties, hereby assumes all risks attendant upon such activity and agrees to hold the Village of Pinecrest, its officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers harmless from any and all claims which may arise as a result of the undersigned's accompanying said employee of the Village of Pinecrest.

I have read the above and yet desiring to accompany an employee of the Village of Pinecrest Police Department, have agreed on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_, FL.

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

THE REMANDER OF THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF ANY PERSON WHO IS UNDER EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE, OR WHO IS APPLYING TO BECOME A PINECREST POLICE EXPLORER. I, \_\_\_\_\_, the parent or legal guardian of the above names minor, (or Explorer Applicant), have read this hold harmless agreement and hereby consent to the minor/applicant accompanying a Village of Pinecrest employee by riding with the employee in a city owned vehicle and knowing of the risks involved and assuming same, hereby agree to hold the Village of Pinecrest and its officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers harmless from any and all claims which may arise as a result of the above minor/applicant accompanying said employee of the Village of Pinecrest.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_,

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

WACIC/NCIC check Date / specialist:  
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**Pinecrest Police Department Information/Image Disclosure Consent**

By signing below, I do hereby give permission to the Pinecrest Police Department to use photographs and/or video images of my child for media coverage, or for any other use deemed appropriate by the Chief of Police or Boy Scouts of America.

By initialing the spaces below, I specifically authorize the use and/or disclosure of the following information:

- My child's name and age (or my name and age).
- The names and ages of my family members.
- The circumstances surrounding the release of my child's information.
- General school or employment information that may relate to the Explorer Program.
- My child's city, county or state of residence.

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

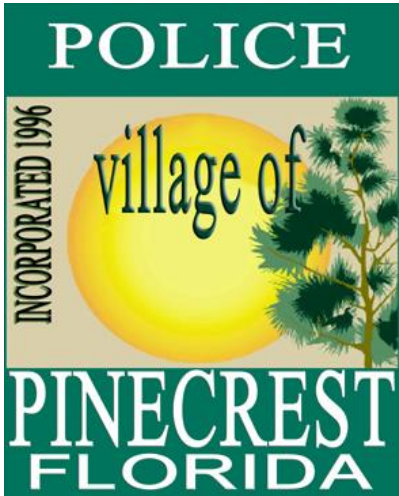
BEFORE ME personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, to me well known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to and before me that he/she executed said instrument for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Personally known: \_\_\_\_\_  
Provided \_\_\_\_\_ as Identification  
My Commission expires:

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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION INFORMATION**

Last grade completed  
(Please circle one)  
8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>  
School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade Average: \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Why do you want to be an Explorer?  
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Do you have transportation to and from meetings? \_\_\_\_\_

**QUALIFICATIONS**

- I. Applicant must be 14-18 years of age.
- II. Applicant must be currently enrolled in High school or college.
- III. Applicant must pass a background check.

For more information, you may contact your Explorer Coordinator at:  
Officer M. Oliva 305-234-2100  
or write to:

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