

EXPLORER MISSION

The mission of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Explorer Program is to develop young men and women into responsible and productive citizens through discipline and a commitment to serve their community.

The motto of the Explorer Program is *"Learning to serve the public with dedication and commitment."*

OBJECTIVES

- To teach leadership, integrity, commitment, and responsibility to young men and women.
- To build good character and citizenship.
- To assist the CHP in providing services to the community, especially in times of emergency.
- To instill an understanding and appreciation for the justice system, and law enforcement field.



For additional information on this exciting program contact your local CHP office.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- You must be between 15-21 years of age.
- Have an interest in law enforcement.
- Must have at least a 2.0 GPA.
- No drug or alcohol use.
- Good Citizenship.
- No felony convictions.

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A CAREER IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

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The California Highway Patrol (CHP) Explorer Program is a unique and challenging opportunity that allows young men and women (ages 15-21) to be an integral part of the Department's operations and experience what a career in law enforcement would be like. Explorers are trained in many aspects of law enforcement and they work with officers in the field as they patrol the streets and highways of California.



ASSORTED ACTIVITIES

- Ride along with officers in the field.
- Driving Under the Influence checkpoints.
- CHIP's for Kids.
- Assist with clerical duties at the Area office.
- Explorer competitions.
- Physical fitness training.
- Medical training.
- Community service.
- Organize fundraisers.
- Explorer meetings.
- Traffic control.



BENEFITS

Successful completion of the Explorer program is the first step. It opens many doors and presents many opportunities for the youth of tomorrow, especially for an Explorer who is planning to make the CHP a career. Explorers have gone on to attain their college degrees, enter federal service careers with the FBI and Secret Service, attend military academies, or move into other law enforcement or public service careers.



WHAT WE DO

Once the background check is completed, the Explorer Cadet will be required to attend three Academy levels within the first 18 months. These academies provide basic training for new Explorer Cadets. Explorer Posts train on a regular basis and cover a number of different skill areas. Post members learn radio codes, patrol vehicle operation, traffic control, and a number of other subjects all geared toward preparing an Explorer for the CHP Academy.



LEVEL ONE

Explorer Cadets attend a twenty-four hour academy held at the Area office. This two-day program outlines the basics of service expected from Explorers. Numerous topics are covered in the two-day program from the history of the Department to uniform requirements. A total of 20 other topics will give the Explorer Cadet basic knowledge for the challenges ahead.

LEVEL TWO

A 16-hour course taught over two days that covers the basics for CPR and first aid. It is renewed annually by Explorers of all ranks and is essential in the event that these skills are needed to assist officers in the field at accident scenes or provide assistance for injured parties.



LEVEL THREE

This is an intense seven day course taught at the CHP Academy in West Sacramento. It gives Explorer Cadets their first real opportunity to see what it takes to be a CHP Cadet. The seven day course covers everything from physical training to laws of arrest. Over the course of the Level Three Academy, over 30 subjects will be taught; subjects that will help the Explorer Cadet make the transition to Explorer and give them the preparatory knowledge needed to successfully complete the Academy.

COMPETITIONS

Competitions are a high point of Explorer training; the opportunity to compete against other Posts for trophies. The competitions take a considerable amount of preparation time, effort, and training. Preparations begin months in advance and certain Explorers are specifically trained for certain events. This fosters a great sense of teamwork, camaraderie, and esprit de corps. Competitions consist of law enforcement scenarios including, but not limited to, building searches, S.W.A.T. entries, foot pursuits, patrol car driving courses, felony traffic stops, drunk driver stops, athletic events, and shooting skills. It is one of the high points of Explorer training.

