

# Police Explorers

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## Park Ridge Police Explorer Post 911

The Explorer Program is part of the Learning for Life Career Education Program for young men and women who are 14 years of age and have completed eighth grade or are 15-20 years of age with an interest in the law enforcement field.

The Park Ridge Police Explorer Post 911 is based on five areas of emphasis: career opportunities, life skills, in-service learning, character education and leadership experience. These areas are based and conducted in a public safety environment. Activities will allow Explorers to have hands-on experience with police officers in their roles in the community.

Recent Explorer training has included:

- Basic Patrol Procedures
- Rapid Response to Special Threats
- Traffic Crash Investigation
- Defensive Tactics
- Firearm Safety

Explorers have assisted in numerous community events such as; 3rd of July fireworks parking/traffic control, roadside safety checkpoints, Taste of Park Ridge, National Night Out and Park Ridge Winterfest.

The Park Ridge Police Explorer Post meets/trains generally twice a month on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm Park Ridge Police Department. There is no cost for the program and uniforms will be supplied after initial training and probation period and attendance at regular meetings. For more information, please feel free to contact Officer John Dorner at [jdorner@parkridgepolice.org](mailto:jdorner@parkridgepolice.org) or Officer Benjamin Peterson at [bpeterso@parkridgepolice.org](mailto:bpeterso@parkridgepolice.org). You may also visit the Learning for Life website at [www.learning-for-life.org/exploring](http://www.learning-for-life.org/exploring).