

OVERVIEW

What is the Deputy Explorer Program?

Created in 1969, The Deputy Explorer Program is a career development and education program, open to mature young adults between the ages of 14-20, who have an interest in the law enforcement profession.

Its purpose is to provide training and experiences that assist young adults in maturing, becoming more responsible, compassionate, independent, and self-confidence, while serving as a volunteer in their communities.

The program is offered at all Los Angeles County Sheriff's stations (except West Hollywood and Avalon).

What do we do?

Deputy Explorers volunteer thousands of hours to their respective communities each year. They participate in various community-oriented details, events and activities, such as: working large events, such as parades and fairs, assisting personnel at the front counter of Sheriff's stations, developing leadership and professional skills, competing in law enforcement related competitions, and participating in uniformed ride alongs with patrol deputies. The experiences gained from this program allow you to make an informed decision as to whether or not you wish to pursue a career in law enforcement.

How do you get started?

First, you need to contact the Explorer Advisor at the Sheriff's station near you. A list of Explorer Advisors can be found at www.explorers.lasd.org along with other required documents.

You will need to complete an *Application and Screening Questionnaire*, pass an oral interview, be fingerprinted as part of your background check, and get a medical examination.

If you are accepted by the Explorer Advisor, you will have to complete the Explorer Academy training program at the Explorer Academy closest to your home.

What is the Explorer Academy?

All applicants must successfully complete the Explorer Academy before they can become a Deputy Explorer. The academy is 18 weeks long and is held each Saturday, for about 10 hours. There are academic requirements, physical training (each week), defensive tactics training, first aid, CPR, leadership development, career development, classroom lectures, practical application exercises, and much more. Academy recruits must maintain a GPA of 70%, while attending the academy.

Academy recruits must purchase their uniforms and physical training gear, and adhere to the grooming standards of an academy recruit.