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La Porte Police Promote New Youth “Explorer” Program

In step with the police department’s commitment to their Citizen’s Police Academy, the La Porte Police Department has now unveiled plans to begin a youth “Explorer” program. The new program, designed to introduce teens ages 14 - 20 to the various components within the Law Enforcement profession, offers younger citizens of La Porte another avenue to connect with their local police department. The Department is excited about the program and has announced that their first class will begin on Wednesday, October 21st.

The Department’s Support Services Police Area Representatives (P.A.R. Officers) sponsor the group and provide training in a vast array of topics which include the History of Policing, Crime Scene Investigation, Traffic Enforcement Procedures, S.W.A.T. (Special Weapons and Tactics) Activities, Criminal Investigation Techniques, Firearms Safety, and much more. Following the successful completion of their initial 14-week training course, Explorers will be issued an official Police Explorers uniform, meet regularly, and will regularly work side by side with police officers during various community programs and events. Explorers may also participate in the Patrol Ride-Along Program upon obtaining permission from their legal guardians.

The initial class will be open to the first 30 applicants and the police department will begin actively recruiting Explorers within the first full week of October. The classes will be held on Wednesday evenings and official start times will be released closer to the October 21st opening. Applicants must have completed the 8th grade and are reminded that the program is not intended as a method of obtaining credit for court ordered community service. Officer Sherman Moore is the “Explorer” coordinator for the department and anyone interested is encouraged to contact Officer Moore at (281) 842-3183 for more information regarding enrollment in the program.