



STOUGHTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Policy and Procedure

CIVILIAN YOUTH EXPLORER PROGRAM

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Purpose The Civilian Youth Explorers Program is for motivated teens with a cut off age of 21. It is a ten week, physically and mentally demanding program based loosely on an actual police academy experience. Graduates of the program are eligible for department ride-along during the summer months. The primary purpose is to give the youth of Stoughton and surrounding towns an activity where they are occupied during high risk times of the day and to have non-confrontational interactions with Stoughton Police Officers. The program is geared toward young people with an interest in policing, medical, fire service, military service, or a desire to serve their community.

Duties
16.4.1 a b Police Explorers are not sworn officers and as such, have no law enforcement duties to speak of. Explorers are part of the department only in that they attend a ten week training academy and other morale type field trips.[16.4.1 a b]

Uniforms
16.4.3 Explorers wear a uniform that consists of a black "Stoughton Police Explorers" T-shirt, black BDU pants with belt, a black "Stoughton Police Explorers" ball style cap, and running shoes. This uniform in no way resembles the Stoughton Police uniform.[16.4.3]

Training Academy
16.4.2 Explorers have no actual law enforcement duties so therefore, have no required training. With that said, the Explorers complete an annual ten week academy in the spring. The Explorers Academy gives youths in the program a small look at the types of tasks those in policing must perform. Classes include, but are not limited to:

Physical Fitness
Police Customs and Courtesies
CPR Certification
Self Defense
Criminal, Constitutional, Motor Vehicle Law
Drug Awareness
The Court System
K-9 Demonstrations
Crime Scene Investigation

Ride Along
41.3.5

Explorers that complete seventy five percent of academy classes are considered graduates and are eligible for department ride along with a sworn Police Officer. Participants must sign a standard department waiver of liability and wear a protective ballistic vest. [41.3.5]
Participants will be allowed to go to calls as normal but are not permitted to exit the police cruiser at any time unless an emergency exists where their exiting is imperative to avoid injury or death.