

## **CAREER IN LAW ENFORCEMENT?**



The West Fargo Police Explorer program can help you answer that question. Through hands-on training, Explorers learn about basic police procedures, techniques and tactics. They also tour facilities of agencies that work closely with the police. Explorers have the opportunity to test what they have learned in competitions with other police Explorers. Explorers also help the police department with local community events such as parades and community picnics.

West Fargo Police Explorers will receive training that will not only prepare them for police specific applications, but also to be effective adults in the community. Many Explorers go on to become police officers, and the skills learned as an explorer are invaluable. Explorers who do not choose law enforcement as a career come away with valuable life skills as well. Effective communication, problem solving, leadership, and other skills will be learned through the explorer post.

If you're curious about the possibility of a career in law enforcement, we invite you to participate.

**FOR AN APPLICATION  
OR MORE INFORMATION  
CONTACT US AT**

**PHONE: 701-433-5500**

**EMAIL: [explorers@westfargond.gov](mailto:explorers@westfargond.gov)**

**ONLINE:**

**[www.WestFargoPolice.com](http://www.WestFargoPolice.com)**

*We Need You to Help Us*



*Keep our Community Safe.*

### **West Fargo Police Department**

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**West Fargo Police**  
**Explorers** Post 281



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Heith Janke

### **Police Commissioner**

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# WHAT IS EXPLORING?

Law Enforcement Exploring is a unique career exploration program for young men and women ages 14-21. Exploring provides educational training programs for young adults on the purposes, mission, and objectives of law enforcement. The program provides career orientation experiences, leadership opportunities, and community service activities. The primary goals of the program are to help young adults choose a career path within law enforcement and to challenge them to become responsible citizens of their communities and the nation.



# REQUIREMENTS

- Interest in Law Enforcement.
- Students 14 (must have completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade) to 21 years old (must be enrolled in at least one class).
- Clear Criminal Record.
- Respectable Driving Record.
- Maintain 2.0 GPA or better.
- Mature, Responsible, Self-disciplined & Dedicated.
- Attend at least 70% of Meetings.
- Be willing to volunteer time to participate in Explorer Post functions.
- Must abide by all rules and regulations which govern the West Fargo Police Explorer Post.

# ACTIVITIES

- Police Department Tour
- Ride-Alongs
- Police Agility Test
- Emergency First Aid
- Traffic Accident Investigation
- Use of Force
- Firearms Safety
- Arrest & Search Procedures
- Burglary Response
- Drug Enforcement
- SWAT / Bomb Squad / Negotiations
- DUI Enforcement
- Crime Scenes
- Traffic Stops
- Traffic/Crowd Control
- Community Events
- Explorer Conference
- Summer Field Trip
- Annual Awards Banquet

# HOW DO I JOIN?

Members of the Explorer Program are non-paid volunteers. To join, you must complete an application, which is available in person at the West Fargo Police Department or online at [westfargopolice.com](http://westfargopolice.com)



# CHIEF'S MESSAGE

If you are considering a career in law enforcement, I strongly encourage you to apply for the West Fargo Police Explorer Program. The work of a law enforcement officer is demanding, challenging, dangerous, and stressful, but at the same time I can think of no other career that is more rewarding. The Explorer Program will give you a hands-on opportunity to learn the criminal justice system through training and practical exercises. By investing your time in this program, you will receive a behind the scenes look at law enforcement that the general public does not get the opportunity to see. I guarantee you by the end of this program you will know whether a career in law enforcement is the right fit for you. My question to you is - are you ready to step-up and accept the challenge of being the next WFPD Explorer? For those who accept the challenge, I look forward to working with you.

- *Heith R. Janke*  
*Chief of Police*

