

## Lakewood Explorer Program



### ***What is a Sheriff's Explorer?***

The Law Enforcement Explorer program is a Sheriff's Department youth-oriented program. It is affiliated with the special interest phase of the Boy Scouts of America.

Its primary purpose is to provide through actual experience, a means by which young men and women may determine if they would like to pursue a career in law enforcement.

The program also provides the Sheriff's Department with additional human resources. It also opens an important avenue of understanding with an energetic, concerned society of young people.

### ***Training:***

After acceptance into the program, initial training for our new explorers takes place at the Sheriff's Academy, located at: 11515 South Colima Rd., Whittier

The explorer academy consists of approximately 184 hours of instruction during 18-weeks of training on Saturdays.

Subjects covered include community relations, criminal law, firearms safety, narcotics control, police procedures and weaponless defense must be mastered.

The trainees are required to undergo drill and physical training, in addition to their classroom work.

Satisfactory completion of the academy earns the Deputy Explorer ten high school unit credits. In some cases, college credit can also be earned by post-graduation Academy involvement.

***Who are we seeking?***

To qualify for the position of Deputy Explorer, you must:

- Be between the ages of 14-21
- Have completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Have at least a "C" or 2.0 grade point average on the last report card issued, if still in High School
- Have no serious arrests or convictions
- Shall not be on active probation

If you are interested, contact the **Lakewood Station Explorer Coordinator** at (562) 623-3519.