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STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES THROUGH LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORING

In 2015, the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing introduced recommendations to increase the trust between law enforcement and the communities they protect and serve. One of the key pillars introduced in these recommendations focused on the need to actively build positive relationships with community. ***Law Enforcement Exploring empowers community policing efforts.*** Exploring serves as a catalyst for social connectivity by actively building positive relationships through consistent civil engagement. Respectful interactions through the Exploring program help law enforcement and community members establish mutual trust and cooperation—key elements of community policing.



In an effort to support this federal initiative and to continue the success of Exploring, the National Exploring Team has collaborated with BSA's Marketing and Diversity teams to outline resources that already exist to support your local Law Enforcement Exploring growth efforts.

THE PLAN

The plan is simple – show your support of community policing by building meaningful relationships with the law enforcement agencies in your communities. Together with law enforcement agencies, we aim to make positive, lasting impacts on the future of more youth than ever before using the Exploring program as the means to reach your mutual goal. You can accomplish the goal using the tools and methods designed by the National Exploring team specifically for this purpose. Review the attached one-page plan for a list of specific actions and resources.

PROFESSIONAL AND VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

The goal is to start two new Law Enforcement Exploring units - posts or clubs – in every district in every council utilizing volunteers to help ensure the four phases are completed. Exploring units registered during the 2017 calendar year will qualify (Jan 1 through the close of membership) for this recognition. Applications will be collected via online form in January 2018. The link to the online form will be sent via Scout Executive council packet as well as other communication channels. New units will be verified. Each person will not receive more than one coin and one vest.

One volunteer and one professional will qualify when working together to complete all four phases of starting new Law Enforcement Exploring units. It is also acceptable for two volunteers to work together. In other words, a maximum of two people – one of which must be a volunteer – can qualify for the recognition. Professionals cannot earn this recognition on their own. **Each volunteer/professional may earn a maximum of 1 coin and 1 vest.**

Level 1 recognition / Commemorative Law Enforcement Exploring Challenge Coin. To qualify, the pair must start and register one NEW Law Enforcement Exploring unit. Each person will receive a coin.

Level 2 recognition / Law Enforcement Exploring Fleece Vest. To qualify, the pair must start two NEW Law Enforcement Exploring units. The vest will display the Law Enforcement Exploring logo with a "Strengthening Communities" theme. Each person will receive the vest.

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Your Council's Steps to Success!

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SUGGESTED TIMELINE	ACTION	RESOURCE	TIPS
By end of Aug	Become familiar with the US Dept of Justice's 21st Century Policing initiative	1-page summary of the initiative as it relates to Exploring (www.exploring.org/law-enforcement , in the "Other Resources" box)	Establish your credibility in the law enforcement community by making the connection between community policing and Exploring.
By end of Aug	Become familiar with the 4 Phases of starting an Explorer Post/Club	Gold Edition of the Unit Performance Guide (UPG), Chapter 5	This is a detailed explanation of the 4 phases of starting a new post or club.
By end of Aug	Get familiar with the Law Enforcement Exploring program materials	Exploring.org - Safety First Guidelines , Law Enforcement Program Guide, Activity Library	Questions? exploring@lflmail.org or 972-580-2433
By end of Aug	Secure career interest data from largest schools	US Dept of Education letter of support, found in the Career Survey Guidebook at exploring.org	Either ask schools to share their own data or offer the online /Scantron Exploring career interest survey.
Option 1: By end of Sept	Host a law enforcement cultivation event	Cultivation Event Guide located at exploring.org ; Chartered Org Prospect List at MyBSA/Resources	Recruit current Law Enforcement Explorers, Advisors and Chiefs/Sheriffs as keynote speakers.
Option 2: By end of Sept	Utilizing a key community volunteer, visit each Police Department and Sheriff's Office in your service area	Exploring Sales PowerPoint and Sales Kit SKU 638289	The PPT follows the flow/page order of the sales kit. Customize the PPT for a law enforcement audience.
By mid Oct	Follow up on leads, secure commitments to start new Exploring units	Exploring Sales Kit, SKU 638289 & Law Enforcement Career Brochure, SKU 639045 (both BIN items available through National Supply, 704-588-5822)	Utilize the BSA Sales Model to have successful sales conversations. Completing this step in a timely manner will set you and your new units up for success.
By end Oct	Finish facilitating program planning meetings for all new units	Program Planning Meeting agenda (Exploring Guidebook for Unit Leaders at exploring.org)	Consider hosting this meeting for more than 1 new unit at a time.
By end of Oct	All Exploring units have hosted an open house	Exploring Guidebook for Unit Leaders, Chapter 3, Law Enforcement Exploring flyers and posters	Coach new units to offer hands-on activities at their open houses and plan a structured ask to join. Consider hosting a single open house event for new posts/clubs within same geographic area.

Choose Exploring to Actively Build Positive Community Relationships that Empower Community Policing

This initiative aligns with the *President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing*.

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Exploring Empowers Community Policing Efforts

Exploring serves as a catalyst for social connectivity by actively building positive relationships through consistent civil engagement. Respectful interactions through the Exploring program help law enforcement and community members establish mutual trust and cooperation—key elements of community policing.

The program introduces youth to the possibilities and opportunities of a career in law enforcement or a related field in the criminal justice system, while also promoting personal growth through character development, respect for the rule of law, physical fitness, good citizenship and patriotism. Through Exploring, young citizens are able to gain an understanding of procedural justice, while members of law enforcement gain a better understanding of the communities in which they serve.

Benefits for Communities

Build familiarity and trust between communities and law enforcement by engaging youth and creating opportunities for regular and positive interactions, sharing a mutual interest and getting to know each other in a setting that offers a benefit for the community, including neighborhood residents and law enforcement.¹

Familiarize youth with career opportunities through hands-on programs that help them explore their interest alongside experienced professionals.

Encourage leadership development in local youth by involving them in decision making and problem solving within their own communities.

Benefits for Law Enforcement

Engage and recruit next generation of law enforcement professionals with a vested interest in successful community policing.

Establish community collaboration to address public safety issues in challenged neighborhoods.

Introduce Exploring in Your Community TODAY

- Establish or expand Exploring posts and clubs in communities from coast to coast.
- Help develop Exploring partnerships with influential law enforcement organizations, such as the DOJ, IACP, NSA, NOBLE and HAPCOA.
- Share success stories, both within your organizations, as well as with local media.
- Support the Exploring program by helping fund more dedicated resources and champions that will focus on growing law enforcement Exploring across the country through the local Boy Scouts of America councils.

For more information about Exploring, please visit www.exploring.org.

¹ President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. Pillar 4. Action Item 4.4.2 and 4.5.2