



**Learning For Life/Exploring
National Service Center**
Law Enforcement Exploring
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MEMORANDUM TO: All Law Enforcement Explorers and Advisors

FROM: Paul Vanderplow
National Law Enforcement Exploring Events Chair

SUBJECT: Cancellation of (NLEECX)
2020 National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference Xperience

After weeks of analyzing the current pandemic situation within the United States and attempting to devise alternate plans, the National Law Enforcement Exploring Committee has determined that we are unable to hold the 2020 National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference Xperience at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia.

The Committee consulted with federal, state and local health agencies to determine if the conference could be held safely and at a level of professionalism that we demand of our program. Additionally, we spoke to numerous members and cannot dismiss the toll COVID-19 has taken on families. The Committee even pursued multiple options to hold a modified Conference with the intent of an event to help alleviate the stresses that this situation has brought about to everyone, especially those in the public safety sector. Unfortunately, we were unable to identify a safe plan in which to do so.

Posts that have already paid their 2020 NLEECX deposits will be offered a full refund or an option for the National Learning for Life/Exploring Service Center to reserve their deposits for the rescheduled conference. The National Service Center will be sending an individual message to each of the currently registered Posts, explaining these available options.

While we may be unable to convene at the 2020 Conference, the National Law Enforcement Exploring Committee has many important opportunities planned for the next 24 months:

May to December 2020

- Finalize the Concept of Operations plan and Standard Operating Procedures for the program, as well as events (i.e. Academies, Conferences, etc.). This effort will serve as the needed blueprint and promulgating documents for the long-term sustainability of the program, as well as future conferences. In short, this will be the Law Enforcement Exploring Handbook for Operations.

Summer 2020

- Online National Law Enforcement Exploring Youth Representative Elections
- Exploring USA Video Submission Competition
- Virtual Law Enforcement Exploring 5K
- National Virtual Post Talent Show

Winter 2020

- The Committee has not ruled out holding the Conference in 2021. Venue selection, COVID-19 status and interest will be vetted in the coming months. Additionally, planning and possible expansion of events usually occurring in the “conference off year” will occur.

Summer 2021 (Events under consideration)

- National Conference (Rescheduled, if possible, with input from Associations and Posts)
- National Leadership Academies
- Assembling a contingent of Law Enforcement Explorers to the 2021 National BSA Jamboree

In 2020, Law Enforcement Exploring began a transformation to modernize business practices to ensure a vibrant program moving forward. Our vision for the 2020 Conference was that of keeping our legacy and traditions while taking advantage of facilities and experiences that cannot be offered anywhere else. The Committee asks that all members embrace the vision forward, which will serve the future of the Law Enforcement profession.

Additionally, we know that this unplanned hiatus might have a long-term effect on your post. Should you require assistance or program support, we ask that you contact any of the points listed below. The Committee is here to work with and serve the Associations, Posts, Advisors, and Explorers.

Additional updates and communications will be posted at:

<https://www.exploring.org/nleec-experience/>

If you still have questions or concerns, after reviewing the NLEECX web page, please direct them to:

Law.enforcement@lflmail.org.

The Committee would also like to offer the ability to discuss any area of the program directly. If you so choose, please contact Paul Vanderplow at (312) 735-0472, or via email at paul.vanderplow@atf.gov .

Our program is predicated on the personal growth through character development, respect for the rule of law, physical fitness, good citizenship and patriotism. Now is the time to display, promote and support those characteristics, more than ever.



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