

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE/EMERGENCY SERVICES EXPLORING PROFICIENCY AWARDS**

The Law Enforcement Fire/Emergency Services Exploring Proficiency Awards program provides an opportunity for Explorers to earn awards that acknowledge their Exploring training, skills, leadership, service, accomplishments and experiences.

These awards are designed to be worn on a Law Enforcement or Fire/Emergency Services Explorer's uniform in accordance with his/her Post uniform regulations.



### **Law Enforcement and Fire/Emergency Services Training**

Recognizes the accumulation of 60 hours of training in specific areas found at [www.learningforlife.org/Exploring](http://www.learningforlife.org/Exploring)

This recognition is a red and blue commendation bar, No. 04018



### **Community Service**

Acknowledges 100 hours of community service, including crowd or traffic control, parking service, community events support, etc. Service must be preapproved and logged by the Advisor. The recognition is a blue and yellow commendation bar, No. 04019.



### **Crime Prevention (Law Enforcement)**

Includes the basic 8 hours of crime prevention instruction as well as an additional 8 hours of training in areas such as neighborhood watch, home security survey, and bicycle registration. The award is presented to Explorers who participate in at least three departmental crime prevention projects with a total of 25 hours of activity.

### **Fire Prevention (Fire/Emergency Services)**

Includes 8 hours of fire prevention instruction as well as additional hours of training in areas such as fire safety survey. The award is presented to Explorers who participate in at least three departmental fire prevention projects with a total of 25 hours of activity.

The recognition is a green and gold commendation bar, No. 04020.



### **Law Enforcement Service**

Includes assistance to the department in areas such as records management, communications support, property control/inventory, facility tours, etc. It recognizes an accumulation of 100 hours of service.

### **Fire and Emergency Service**

Includes assistance to the department in areas such as records, communications, data processing, etc. It recognizes an accumulation of 60 hours of service.

The recognition is a red and gold commendation bar, No. 04021.



### **Emergency Preparedness**

Certifies that the Explorer has received training in advanced first aid and CPR; has received training in how the Post would assist in a disaster, such as flood, tornado, hurricane, etc.; and has participated in at least one civil defense or community-wide disaster training exercise.

This is recognized by a red and white commendation bar, No. 04022.



### **Firearms Training (Law Enforcement)**

Includes 8 hours of firearms safety training and matches the guidelines stated in the NRA/Law Enforcement Explorer Firearms Certification Program.

This recognition is the NRA Explorer Marksmanship bar (not Learning for Life item; see No. 99-264). Note: NRA membership is not required.



### **Tenure**

Awarded to those Explorers who complete one year of satisfactory service to the Post.

It is recognized with a red commendation bar, No. 04023.



### **Perfect Attendance**

Recognizes attendance at each scheduled Post meeting or activity during the preceding year.

The recognition is a yellow and white commendation bar, No. 04024.



### **Drug Abuse Prevention**

Acknowledges proficiency in drug abuse prevention training and service. Requires 6 hours of advanced training outlined in Drug Abuse Prevention for Teens (50 hours of service for Law Enforcement. 30 hours of service for Fire/Emergency Services) in at least two different drug abuse prevention projects.

The recognition is a blue and silver commendation bar, No. 04026.



### **Exploring Conference Bar**

Presented to Explorers who attend a National Law Enforcement or Fire/Emergency Services Exploring Conference.

The recognition is a dark green commendation bar, No. 04030.



### **National Law Enforcement Exploring Leadership Academy**

Presented to Explorers who have been selected for and completed a National Law

training program certified by the National Law Enforcement Exploring Committee.

The recognition is a black commendation bar, No. 04034.



### **National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference Device**

Presented to Explorers who attend more than one national conference. Device should be placed on conference bar.

The recognition is Gold Explorer "E", No. 00930.



### **Eagle or Gold Award Recognition**

May be worn by an Explorer who has achieved the Boy Scouts of America or Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. highest award and honor (the BSA Eagle or GSUSA Gold).

The recognition is a red, white, and blue commendation bar, No. 04036.



### **Explorer of the Year**

Each post will be encouraged to recognize one Explorer each year. This Explorer should be selected based on dependability, attitude, attendance, and contributions to the post, department, and community. Explorers of the Year are obviously recognized for their outstanding performances and personal attributes.

The recognition is a blue bar with gold "E," No. 04025.



### **Law Enforcement Exploring Physical Fitness**

The award consists of two (2) phases: Physical assessment and Cognitive assessment. The physical assessment was created to include a health screening format to assist the Explorer in determining if they should proceed with the physical assessment. A standardized assessment format ensures that the assessments are universal in nature and easy to administer by Advisors. The cognitive assessment was developed utilizing universally accepted knowledge, skills and abilities.



### **William H. Spurgeon III Award**

An award presented to Explorers making an outstanding contribution to the Exploring program.

The recognition is a black commendation bar, No. *Pending*.

## **Recognition**

Each proficiency award is represented by a police/military-type commendation ribbon bar that affixes to a metal holder. To the extent possible, ribbon bar colors and configurations have been designed to minimize duplication of agency or military/ROTC commendation bars. A Proficiency Award Certificate is available for each award. Additionally, a wall chart is also available to use as a motivational and recognition tool for the Post (No. 33729).

## **Distribution and Ordering**

The proficiency award ribbon bars, metal holder, and certificates are available through local Learning for Life service centers. The Post Advisor must certify that an Explorer has met all criteria for a proficiency award before it can be presented and the ribbon bar is displayed on his/her uniform.