

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*.

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.

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