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WELCOME TO THE CITRUS HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE EXPLORER PROGRAM



OVERVIEW AND APPLICATION



CHPD Mission: *To safeguard the people we serve and enhance quality of life by impacting crime with skilled policing professionals and community partnerships.*

Explorer Application Packet

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Thank you for your interest in serving your community as a Police Explorer with the Citrus Heights Police Department.

Our award-winning Explorer Program is designed to help set a solid foundation on which you can learn, build, and thrive. CHPD Explorers have gone on to serve in law enforcement, military, educators, or as better community leaders and members. Our goal is to offer training, insight into law enforcement, leadership skills, personal development and life-long mentors.



Dr. Rita Pierson once said, “Every child deserves a champion – an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection, and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be.”

It takes a special calling to be this type of champion; to answer the call to serve today’s youth as a mentor, teacher, trainer, and a role model. Our Explorer Advisors include sworn officers and professional members of our department who serve as Police Officers, Detectives, Community Services Officers, Code Enforcement Officers, Crime Scene Investigators, Dispatchers,

and Records Assistants. We recognize that our Advisors are in a position of trust so they are carefully selected for their expertise in their field, passion to mentor, and their exemplary service to Citrus Heights.

We believe that the teachings for an Explorer Program go beyond the skills of professional law enforcement. We lead our young men and women into discussions and lessons on equality, inclusion, and effective communication with all type of groups and people we may encounter in the field. We welcome new members from diverse races, religions, and backgrounds as our differences make our program stronger.

This guide will include helpful information on the vision and expectations of the program, as well as what will be required of and provided to a successful Explorer applicant and participant, including the following:

1. General Membership Requirements
2. Application Requirements
3. Applicant Statement of Understanding
4. Parent Statement of Understanding
5. Explorer Preliminary Application

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Explorer Leadership Team:

Lead Advisor:	Officer Brittney Soriano	bsoriano@citrusheights.net	(916) 727-5821
Program Coordinator:	Sgt. Eric Dias	edias@citrusheights.net	(916) 727-5570
Program Executive Officer:	Cmdr. Kris Frey	kfrey@citrusheights.net	(916) 727-5571

1. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

All of these requirements are taken into consideration when considering an applicant with none intended to be an automatic disqualifier. If special circumstances exist that should be considered during the application period, please contact the Explorer Coordinator.

- Explorers must be 14 to 20 years of age (If under 18, parental approval required)
- Explorers must maintain a “C” average in all school work through 12th grade
 - School transcripts showing a 2.5 GPS or better must be enclosed with the application
 - Proof of grades will be required quarterly to be presented to the Explorer Coordinator
- Explorers must be in good health; without physical limitations that will endanger themselves or a department member
- Explorers must be of good moral character and have good personal habits (driving will be considered)
- Explorers must provide three letters of recommendation from family, teachers, employers, etc.
- Explorers must successfully pass a background investigation, including, but not limited to:
 - Personal History Statement
 - Criminal history check
 - DMV history check
 - Contact with provided references
- Explorers must possess department-provided Explorer Uniform and Physical Training Uniform within four weeks of acceptance
- Explorers must safely store and maintain their department-provided uniforms and equipment; not using or wearing items outside training or special events, as approved by the Coordinator
- Explorers must complete Explorer Orientation
- Explorers must attend four consecutive bi-monthly Tuesday evening meetings
- Explorers must complete a six-month probation period

2. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Intentional withholding of information or falsification of information on this application will result in immediate denial of acceptance. If the applicant is accepted and falsification is discovered, the Explorer will be dismissed without recourse and may be disqualified from any future participation.

- All forms must be completed thoroughly and signed in the appropriate places
 - If an item does not apply, indicate “not applicable” (N/A)
- Applications may be submitted in person or mailed to:
 - Citrus Heights Police Department
 - Attn: Explorer Advisors
 - 6315 Fountain Square Drive
 - Citrus Heights, CA 95621
- Once the application is received, the applicant will be contacted for an interview date

3. APPLICANT STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

I hereby represent that I carefully read and understand the General Membership Requirements, Waiver of Liability, and Hold Harmless Agreement, and understand the contents of these documents and sign the same of my own free will.

Executed at _____,

on this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Applicant's Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Phone Number _____

4. PARENT/GUARDIAN STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING (For those under 18 years old)

As parent/legal guardian of _____, I have carefully read and understand the General Membership Requirements, Waiver of Liability, and Hold Harmless Agreement, and agree to all the items contained therein.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____

Phone Number _____

Address (Street, City, Zip) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____

Phone Number _____

Address (Street, City, Zip) _____

5. EXPLORER PROGRAM PRELIMINARY APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name (Last, First, Middle): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address (Street, City, Zip): _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: Home: _____

Cell: _____

Other: _____

Do you go to school? No Yes School Name: _____

Are you employed? No Yes Work Location: _____

Average number of hours per week: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT(S)

Parent/Guardian: _____

Relationship: _____

Address (Street, City, Zip): _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Other: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Relationship: _____

Address (Street, City, Zip): _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Other: _____

INTERESTS/TRAINING

What are your career interests?

Previous training and experience?

DRIVING

Do you have a license? No Yes

License Number: _____

Have you been stopped for a Traffic Violation?

No Yes

When/Why? _____

ARRESTS

Have you been detained by police, arrested, or convicted of a crime?

No Yes

When/Why? _____

DRUG USE

Have you used drugs?

No Yes

Which drug(s)/date of last use? _____

SCHOOL

Have you been suspended or expelled from school?

No Yes

When/Why? _____

How many days absent or tardy last semester/quarter? _____

GPA when you last attended school? _____

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REFERENCES

(Applicants must provide 3 letters of recommendation)

Adult Reference (1): _____ Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

Adult Reference (2): _____ Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

Adult Reference (3): _____ Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

I hereby apply for the position of Police Explorer at the Citrus Heights Police Department. I further consent and authorize a representative from the department to conduct a background investigation, including, but not limited to, a juvenile and criminal history records check, driver's license history check from the Department of Motor Vehicles, and contact with the listed references.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Printed Name

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if under 18 years old)

Date

Printed Name