

BROUSSARD POLICE DEPARTMENT

EXPLORER POST #575

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What is Exploring

Exploring is the young-adult program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women age 14 (who have completed the eighth grade) through 20.

Exploring is based on the unique and dynamic relationship between young people and the organizations in their community. Local community organizations initiate Explorer posts by matching their people and program resources with the interests of young people in the community. The result is a program of activities that help young adults pursue their special interests, grow, and develop.

Introduction

The Broussard Police Department Explorer Post # 575 was first chartered in May of 2001 under the Administration of Chief Brannon Decou, with the assistance of the Boy Scouts of America. Chief Decou supports this valuable program and is committed to exposing young adults to high levels of professionalism and training for future careers in Law Enforcement.

Objects and Purposes

The objects and purposes of the Broussard Police Department Explorer Post # 575 are:

1. To assist the Broussard Police Department and his/her office in the time of need
2. To encourage and develop the voluntary contributions of private citizens to the preservation of law and order.
3. To provide law enforcement training to young adults interested in a law enforcement career.
4. To promote the ideals of law enforcement as a career.

Activities

The following is a list of activities Explorers may participate in throughout the year.

- Community Child Fingerprinting
- Community Neighborhood Watch Orientations
- Halloween Night Out
- National Night Out Against Crime
- Broussard Mardi Gras Parade
- Broussard Christmas Parade
- St. Cecila Community Fair
- St. Joseph Community Fair
- Other Special Events

Ride Along Program

The purpose of the ride-along program is to give the Explorer an opportunity to better understand the patrol officer's function as a law enforcement officer, and broaden the Explorer's knowledge of basic police procedures. To assist the officer by providing an extra set of eyes and ears to his/her advantage.

Before an explorer will be allowed to participate in the program he/she must successfully complete the explorer Academy and Review Board.

Training will consist of the following courses:

- Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation
- Traffic Procedures
- Patrol Procedures
- Juvenile Procedures
- Defensive Tactics
- Crime Scene and Evidence
- Communications (radio procedures)
- Report Writing
- Investigative Procedures
- Canine
- Narcotic Awareness
- Criminal Code
- Crime Prevention
- Public relations

Monthly Meeting

Explorers are required to attend monthly meetings, which will be held on the **2nd Wednesday** of the month at the Broussard City Hall in the Council Chambers.

Yearly Dues (Fees)

Explorers' yearly dues are to be paid at the end of each Charter in the amount of \$15.00. These dues help to pay for the insurance through the Boy Scouts of America.

Uniform

Explorers' uniforms will be provided by the Broussard Police Department.

Time Required

Each member of Explorer Post 575 shall be required to put forth a minimum of (8) Eight hours per month of duty time with the post. This duty time can be in the form of functions worked, meetings, special assignments, the ride-along program, and training.

Students interested in pursuing membership in the Broussard Police Department Law Enforcement Explorer Post #575 should contact the Broussard Police Department at (337) 837-6259.