



# ONTARIO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**INCIDENT:** Explorers Recruitment & Orientation Meeting

**CONTACT:** Sergeant Jeff Higbee

**OCCURRENCE DATE:** Thursday August 20, 2015

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### STATEMENT:

On Thursday, August 20, 2015 at 6:00 P.M., The Ontario Police Department Explorer Post #350 will be hosting a recruitment and orientation meeting to provide information about the Police Explorer Program.

The meeting will be held in the community rooms located to the front of the Ontario Police Department 2500 S. Archibald Avenue. There will be a brief drill demonstration and then everyone will go into the station, where the program will be explained in further detail.

The Ontario Police Department welcomes anyone interested in becoming an Ontario Police Explorer. The Ontario Police Explorer Program is a youth group designed for teens from 14-20 years old. Explorers learn about police work through; ride-alongs, assisting police department personnel and other related duties. Those interested must bring a parent or legal guardian to the orientation. An applicant packet will be given out during the orientation.

New Explorer Recruits must be in good physical condition, complete a background investigation, oral interview and written test. Explorers may not have any felony convictions on their record and must also maintain a minimum 2.0 G.P.A. Explorer applicants under the age of 18 years must have permission from a parent or guardian to join.

Applicants will take part in a training program that consists of physical agility, marching and use of the police radio. They will also demonstrate proficiency regarding police radio codes and laws of arrest.

Upon successful completion of the training program, the recruits are promoted to Junior Explorers where they will receive exposure and training to the many different aspects of police work such as gangs, narcotics, firearms safety, K9's and the air support unit.

Explorers may also be called upon to assist regular officers with traffic control, searches for missing persons and evidence, as well as assist with special assignments. Explorers are also given the opportunity to promote to higher-ranking positions within the organization. Taking part in the Police Explorer Post is an excellent way to develop discipline and gain exposure to the law enforcement profession.

For further information, please contact Explorer Advisors, Mary Duarte at (909) 395-2928. or Detective Gary Naranjo at (909) 395-2764.