



CHESHIRE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Law Enforcement Explorer Program

The intent of the Law Enforcement Explorer Program is to educate and involve youth in police operations, to interest them in possible law enforcement careers and to build a mutual understanding. The education aspect provides knowledge of the law enforcement function in one's community whether one enters the field of law enforcement as a career or not. Through involvement, and service to the community, the Explorer program establishes an awareness of the complexities of police service.

Chief Neil Dryfe explained, *“Law Enforcement Exploring is a great way for students to develop leadership skills and improve self-confidence.”* Chief Dryfe added, *“Through fun and exciting 'hands-on' career related activities and community service opportunities, students will gain valuable experience that will help prepare them for not only a potential career in law enforcement, but to also be productive members of the community.”*

Membership in the Law Enforcement Explorer Post is open to young adults, male or female, age 14 (or in 9th grade) through age 20 who are in good health mentally and physically with no arrest or conviction records of serious offenses. Explorer's must maintain satisfactory (“C” or better) grade in all schoolwork. The Explorers meet for formal meetings twice a month. In addition to the Law Enforcement perspective, the program aims to advance ***Character Building, Leadership Development and an Appreciation for Community Service and Good Citizenship*** in our youth/young adults.

You may join at any point throughout the year. For more information or questions please contact Detective Sam DeCapua at (203)271-5531, sdecapua@chshirect.org or your School Resource Officers.