EXPLORERS

The Explorer program is the young adult division of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). While the program is part of BSA, the Explorer program is distinctly different than scouting. The Explorer program is co-educational, developed and supervised by local community organizations, and provides members with opportunities to explore particular career fields.

METRO 911

Explorer Post 911 is open to young men and women who are at least 14 years old but younger than 21, and who have an interest in law enforcement as a profession.

Applicants will be expected to:

- Complete a written application
- Clear a background investigation
- Participate in an interview with a Post 911 advisor or officer.
- Maintain a "C" average while enrolled in school
- Have no serious police record
- Maintain a neat appearance and manner, in compliance with policies of the Police Department and the Post
- Attend regular membership meetings
- Be willing to volunteer time to participate in Explorer functions
- Pay an annual membership fee of $7 as required by BSA, and other local dues which help defray the costs of awards, badges and other items

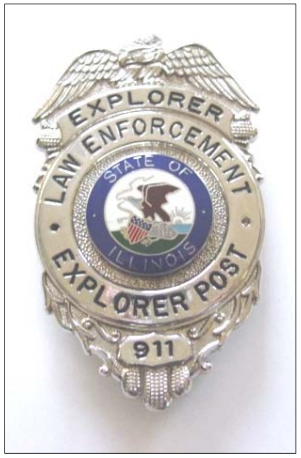
Explorers assist the Bloomington Police Department with many community projects

Bloomington police officer Scott Sikora teaches Explorers the proper handcuffing technique

UNIFORMS

Members of Metro Post 911 have two uniforms. The "Class A" uniform is similar to those worn by area police agencies, but consists of a different color scheme to differentiate Explorers from the sworn officers the post assists. A duty belt is also part of the "Class A" uniform. The other uniform, the "Class B", includes a light-colored Metro Post 911 polo shirt and black shorts or trousers. This uniform is typically worn during work details.

Explorers often help with crowd control at parades



TRAINING

Members of the Metro 911 Explorer Post receive training in many areas of law enforcement, including, but not limited to:

- Accident investigation
- Hostage negotiations
- Motor vehicle laws
- Criminal law
- Domestic violence intervention
- Crime scene processing
- Traffic stops
- Self defense
- First aid / CPR

Members of Post 911 have attended several national conferences and participated in various competitions with Explorers from across the United States, Canada, Australia and England. Post 911 meets regularly at the Bloomington Police Department, with a different training topic addressed at each meeting.

The Explorer Code

I believe that America's strength lies in her trust in God and in the courage and strength of her people.

I will, therefore, be faithful in my religious duties and will maintain a personal sense of honor in my own life.

I will treasure my American heritage and will do all I can to preserve and enrich it.

I will recognize the dignity and worth of my fellow man and will use fair play and goodwill in dealing with them.

I will acquire the exploring attitude that seeks the truth in all things and adventure on the frontiers of our changing world.

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LEADER'S MESSAGE

Greetings from the Bloomington Police Department Metro Explorer Post 911. Post 911 provides young adults with opportunities to explore the field of law enforcement, not just through regular training, but from hands-on experience during a variety of events throughout the year. As you can see from the list on the back page of this brochure, those events are not limited to the city of Bloomington. We would be pleased to welcome you as a member of Metro Post 911.

Captain Lawrence Petrey

For more information about joining Explorer Post 911, contact Officer David White at the Bloomington Police Department (309) 434-2355 or send e-mail to police@cityblm.org

Members of the Metro 911 Explorer Post have been involved in numerous events during the past several years, including:

- National Night Out Against Crime
- McLean County Fair
- Special Olympics torch run
- Towanda 4th of July celebration
- Memorial Day parades
- Community golf outings
- Various D.A.R.E. events
- Labor Day parades
- Jingle Bell Run & Walk
- Prairie Aviation Museum air shows
- Pantagraph Home Show
- Christmas parades
- Cultural Festival
- East Peoria Festival of Lights
- Danvers Days
- Copy Your Kids
- Police Officers Memorial Week
- Relay for Life
- Police St. Patrick's Day dances
- Training of area police tactical teams
- Special Olympics "Cop on Top" fundraiser
- McLean County Sportsmen's Club dinners
- Santa Claus arrival at Eastland Mall
- Heyworth "Hey-days"
- Illinois State University homecoming parades
- "Keep the Bloom in Bloomington" festival
- Town of Normal Harvest Fest
- Training of local law enforcement officers
- Heartland Community College science fair
- Shop with a Cop / Firefighter
- BPD Trick-or-Treating at Eastland Mall
- Sheridan Elementary "back to school" parade

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