

## **Summary of the NNPD Explorers Program:**

- The explorer program is a career orientation and experience program for young people (14-21) who are contemplating a career in the criminal justice field
- Through participation in the program, Explorers will develop knowledge about the mission and purpose of law enforcement
- Explorers will gain experience about law enforcement operations through training, practical experience, competitions and other activities.
- Explorers will learn teamwork and leadership skills
- Explorers will be exposed to Law enforcement procedures and protocols
- Explorers will be taught the importance of the rule of law in a free and democratic society
- Explorers will learn to respect diversity, human dignity and civil rights in the application of law enforcement operations
- Explorers will participate in National Law Enforcement Conferences, National Law Enforcement Exploring Leadership Academies, and National Law Enforcement Exploring Pistol Shooting Championship
- NNPD Post 224 will sponsor basic, advanced and specialized law enforcement training programs
- Explorers will participate in local, state and regional training programs, conferences and competitive events sponsored by certified Law Enforcement Exploring Associations
- Explorers will participate in a Ride-Along, in patrol cars and other police conveyance operations such as Marine Patrols and Bike Policing
- Explorers will be able to network with Law Enforcement Explorers across the country and in some cases with young adults in programs similar to Law Enforcement Exploring sponsored by foreign police agencies.
- Explorers will meet and interact with law enforcement professionals from local, county, state, federal military organizations, judges, prosecutors and other professionals involved with the criminal justice system
- Additionally, explorers will be able to network with community leaders, representatives from private and public community organizations, and instructors and professors from educational institutions that offer criminal justice and related programs
- The NNPD Explorer program will provide youth with career oriented training, practical experiences and competitions
- Participating in the explorer program will provide our youth with the opportunity to grow personally through development of interpersonal skills, leadership opportunities, teamwork, and through the participation in community service and networking activities