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	POLICE EXPLORER PROGRAM		EFFECTIVE DATE 09/10/14
			OVERSIGHT Operations
DISTRIBUTION ALL MANUALS	AMENDS/SUPERSEDES/CANCELS: NEW POLICY		

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to establish the functions, duties, and responsibilities of the Police Explorer Program.

II. POLICY:

The Police Explorer program has been established as a Community Relations Youth program intended to improve relations with Hampton's youth-based communities and to encourage youth to explore a career in law enforcement. This program adheres to the guidelines set forth by Learning for Life and the Boy Scouts of America through whom it is regulated.

III. PROCEDURE:

- A. The Police Explorer program is the responsibility of the Commander of the Community Relations Unit. Candidates for the Police Explorer Program must contact the Community Relations Unit to begin the applications process.
- B. Police Explorers receive instruction and training through a program advisor and adult leaders within the program. Training curriculum is based on approved Police Explorer certification standards. An agency or organization desiring to have their basic or advance training programs for Law Enforcement Exploring certified must adhere to the requirements set forth by the national office for Law Enforcement Exploring and submit a certification application. The application must be accompanied by a copy of the agency or organization training curriculum that demonstrates the number of instructional hours for each of the required subject areas has been met or exceeded.
- C. Police Explorers are required to follow the same Rules and Regulations and are guided by the same Policies and Procedures as members of the Division in addition to the Policies and Procedures set forth by the Boy Scouts of America.

APPROVED:
CHIEF OF POLICE



- D. Police Explorers are required to be in full uniform while participating in sanctioned events unless activities require other attire. The uniform approved by the Chief of Police and clearly distinguishes Explorers from sworn officers.
- E. Police Explorers are not utilized in assignments requiring police authority, but are utilized to assist the community under the direct supervision of Hampton Police Officers. The following tasks are examples of assignments which may be assigned to Police Explorers:
 - a. Transport of unmarked or administrative vehicles for service or repairs
 - b. Message delivery (except emergency/death messages or notifications)
 - c. Flag details
 - d. Community events
 - e. McGruff appearances
 - f. Traffic control and direction on private property
 - g. Educational programs
- F. Police Explorers provide only non-emergency services and do not respond to emergency calls-for-service.
- G. Police Explorers do not operate marked police vehicles that are equipped with emergency equipment (emergency lights and siren).
- H. Police Explorers are prohibited from performing covert acts or actions which may undermine the role of Law Enforcement Exploring in the community.
- I. The Hampton Police Division does not utilize Police Explorers in undercover roles. Explorers do not perform such roles for other law enforcement agencies while a member of the Hampton Police Division Explorer Post.

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