



# **Clear Lake Police Department Explorer Program**

## **Police Explorer**

**The Clear Lake Police Department Explorer Program was formed in the summer of 2007. There are Explorer programs within police departments across the country, however the Clear Lake Explorer Program is the first of its kind in North Central Iowa. The program is affiliated with the Boy and Girl Scouts of America, and sponsored by the Clear Lake Police Department. The program introduces young people (ages 14 to 21) to the various aspects of law enforcement, with an emphasis on community service**

**To this date, there are 4 members of the Clear Lake Police Department Explorer Program. We are looking to add more members. The program is currently raising money, that will fund activities, purchase uniforms, radios and other equipment.**

## **Membership**

**Membership is open to young men and women who have an interest in the field of law enforcement.**

### **Applicants must:**

- be between the ages of 14-21**
- having completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade**
- must maintain a 'C' average in school**
- be of good moral character**
- have no serious arrest record**

### **Applicants must:**

- submit an application**
- successfully pass an oral examination**
- pass a background investigation**

Once an applicant has been accepted, he or she becomes an entry-level explorer. There are different ranks within the program that members can aspire to, from Explorer to Explorer Captain. The Program Advisor is a sworn police officer who is responsible for the program.

## **Meetings**

Meetings are for explorers only and consist of;

- lectures
- training films
- demonstrations / exercises
- guest speakers
- performance tests
- physical training

Meeting times are announced by the advisor. The meetings are meant to be educational while providing a bit of fun as well.

## **Duties**

Assist Clear Lake Police Officers with non-hazardous duties while observing an officer on his or her shift. Duties consist of, but are not limited to:

- report writing
- traffic accidents
- crowd and traffic control at special events
- testifying in court

Awards can be achieved by Explorers who display exceptional service while performing his or her duties.

## **Interested ?**

If you have a general interest in law enforcement, or you are considering a possible career in law enforcement, you are welcome to contact the program advisor about becoming an Explorer. You can pick up an application and other required documents in person at the Clear Lake Police Department. The Program Advisor is Officer William Thomas. Officer Thomas can be reached at (641) 357-2186.