

**TOPEKA POLICE DEPARTMENT
LAW ENFORCEMENT
EXPLORER POST #7721**



EXPLORER APPLICATION PACKET

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Dear Prospective Explorer,

Welcome to the Topeka Police Department Law Enforcement Explorer Program. This program is designed around a Law Enforcement Explorer program developed by the Boy Scouts of America and is sponsored by the Topeka Police Department.

Explorer Post #7721 has been in existence since 1968 and is one of the oldest consecutively operating Law Enforcement Explorer programs in existence. Post #7721 offers young men and women an opportunity to 'explore' a side of police work that television does not. If you meet our qualifications and are interested in learning more about what a law enforcement career may have to offer, then being an explorer may be for you.

The explorer program's goal is to help youth to gain insight into a variety of law enforcement activities through hands-on experiences you cannot get from other programs or education alone.

For young men or women interested in the field of law enforcement, becoming an Explorer is an excellent first step towards an exciting career. Many current officers of the Topeka Police Department got their first law enforcement experience from the program.

Most importantly, our program Advisors and instructors have many years of law enforcement experience to pass along to the next generation of law enforcement officers.

Please review the included Topeka Police Explorer Post #7721 application and basic training course information. If you are interested in the program, please complete the application and return it. If you have any questions regarding our program, please feel free to ask.

Sincerely,

Lieutenant John Trimble #010
Topeka Police Department
785-368-2402
j_trimble@topeka.org

Officer Brandon Gogian #085
Topeka Police Department
785-368-2419
bgogian@topeka.org



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TOPEKA, KS 66603



Topeka Police Explorer Post #7721 Basic Training Course Information

To become a member of Police Explorer Post #7721 prospective Explorers must successfully complete the 10 week basic training course. The Explorer Basic Training Course is a 10 week course with training held every Monday night at the Topeka Police Department from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

The Explorer basic training course is designed to educate new Explorers on the basic aspects of law enforcement that are required before attending regular Monday night Explorer training. After completion of the basic training course Explorers will be prepared to join Post #7721 in Explorer competitions.

New Explorers will have strict rules to abide by during the Basic Training Course, which is taught by experienced officers from the Topeka Police Department. Explorers should not be intimidated by the basic training course. Although challenging, the course prepares new Explorers to join the Explorer Post and offers career education in the field of law enforcement.

If you are interested in law enforcement you will enjoy your experience in the basic training course. The Explorer basic training course involves both classroom and hands on training in:

- Arrest and search procedures
- Building searches
- Traffic stops
- Criminal Law
- Drill and ceremony
- Constitutional Law

The final week of the basic training course will include taking the written Explorer Uniform Test and completing a series of evaluated law enforcement scenarios.

The only potential cost to the Explorer for participation in the program would be approved footwear. Charter costs, competition fees, uniform and equipment costs are covered by the Post through fundraising efforts.

If you are interested in the Explorer program please complete the application below and we will contact you to set up an interview time.

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REQUIREMENTS:

1. **AGE:** Must be between 14 and 21 years old; **must have completed the 8th grade.**
2. **PHYSICAL:** Applicants must have a full range of motion and be able to participate in all aspects of Explorer training.
3. **SCHOOL:** If enrolled in high school or college, must maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or higher. If you are not a student, you must show gainful employment.
4. **ARREST RECORD:** All applicants must comply with a background investigation including, but not limited to, a criminal history records check. Any criminal history must not be excessive. There can be no felony adjudications or convictions.
5. **LETTER:** Applicant must include a letter of recommendation from each of the following categories: Personal (neighbor, family friend) and Professional (employer, teacher).
6. **INTERVIEW:** Must satisfactorily complete an entry interview with the Advisor Board, demonstrating the maturity level to complete the Explorer Basic Training requirements.
7. **BASIC TRAINING:** Upon completion of the 10 week Explorer Basic Training Course you must be able to successfully complete the uniform test with a score of 80% or better.
8. **EXPLORER STATUS:** Upon completion of the Explorer Basic Training Course you will officially be a member of the Topeka Police Explorers.

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Please complete the following information by using black ink or a typewriter. If you need additional space, you may complete your answers on the reverse side of this page. Please number your answers accordingly.

1. _____
Name: Last, First Middle

2. _____
Address: Number Street City Zip Code

3. _____
Telephone: Home Work/School, Cell E-Mail address

4. _____
Emergency Contact: Name Relationship Telephone Number

5. _____
Date of Birth, Height Weight Hair Color Eye Color

6. _____
Scars, marks, tattoos, birthmarks, etc. and location

7. _____
Driver's license number & expiration date, Social Security #

8. Are you a citizen of the United States? **Yes** ____ **No** ____

9. What state were you born in? _____

10. How long have you lived in Shawnee County, Kansas? _____

11. Have you ever been charged, arrested, or adjudicated for any crime other than a traffic violation? **Yes** ____ **No** ____

If yes, provide details of arrest(s) and/or conviction(s):

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12. Do you have any physical disabilities or chronic illness that would limit lifting, carrying, moving, or standing for any period of time? **Yes** ____ **No** ____

If yes, please explain:

13. Name of high school or college presently attending: _____

Year in school: _____ Name of counselor: _____

Grade point average: _____

14. Do you agree to serve the department by attending regular weekly meetings (Tuesdays during Explorer Basic Training/Mondays after graduation) and at least 3 hours of monthly community service at local public events? **Yes** ____ **No** ____

15. Do you have extracurricular activities at school or employment that may interfere with Explorer meetings and mandatory details? **Yes** ____ **No** ____

If yes, explain _____

If yes, would this conflict occur all year or only during certain seasons? Please explain _____

16. Do you own a car or have access to one? **Yes** ____ **No** ____

17. Please state your reasons for applying for membership to this Explorer Post.

18. List three individuals, other than relatives or past employers, as character references. Please obtain each person's permission to be contacted before listing him or her on the application.

Name	Address	City	Telephone
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19. List all places of employment (starting with most current):

Employer & address: _____

From _____ To _____ Reason for leaving _____

Employer & address: _____

From _____ To _____ Reason for leaving _____

Employer & address: _____

From _____ To _____ Reason for leaving _____

Employer & address: _____

From _____ To _____ Reason for leaving _____

20. List the names of friends that may be interested in the program. (Be sure to ask for permission to list them here.)

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T-Shirt size: S M L XL XXL XXXL

Applications must be mailed, emailed or delivered to:

Topeka Police Department
 Explorer Post #7721
 Attn: OFC Brandon Gogian #085
 320 S. Kansas #100
 Topeka, KS 66603

Or e-mail to: OFC Brandon Gogian #085 at bgogian@topeka.org

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**WAIVER BY APPLICANT AND
PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S)**

(Required if applicant is under age 18)

I/We certify that the information in this application is correct. I/We also realize that any falsification of any information on this application will automatically disqualify the applicant from any further consideration. I/We will assist my/our son or daughter in observing the rules of the Boy Scouts of America and the Topeka Police Explorer Post #7721. In consideration of the benefits derived from membership, if accepted, I/we hereby waive any claim against the local or national Boy Scouts council, City of Topeka Government, the Topeka Police Department and all the leaders of the Boy Scouts of America for any and all accidents, which may arise in connection with the activities of the Topeka Police Explorer Post #7721.

Please sign and date below:

Signature of Mother or Guardian: _____

Signature of Father or Guardian: _____

Mother's & Father's or Guardian's name(s) and telephone number(s):

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date of Application: _____

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APPLICATION REVIEW

Date application was first reviewed: _____

Approved by: _____

Date contacted for interview: _____

INTERVIEW

Accepted _____ Refused _____

Reason for refusal: _____

Persons present for interview: _____
