

# WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BECOME AN EXPLORER?

## HOW DO I JOIN?

If you would like to attend a meeting during an open house, please contact an Explorer Advisor at: [mpdexplorers@marietta.ga.gov](mailto:mpdexplorers@marietta.ga.gov) or (770)794-5300. If you are a friend of a current Marietta Police Explorer, then you're welcome to come as their guest on any Explorer training night.

Candidates interested in becoming a Marietta Police Explorer Recruit will need to attend 4 monthly meetings in succession. During the four initial meetings, candidates will be given a welcome packet to complete and submit for their application for the position of recruit. At the successful completion of these procedures, a brief interview will be conducted, and the candidate becomes a Marietta Police Explorer Recruit.



## WHAT DO EXPLORERS DO?

Being a part of the Marietta Police Explorer Program provides Explorers with the training and knowledge required for various law enforcement procedures and laws. Explorers will have countless opportunities to learn valuable leadership and life skills, make new friends, and interact with the public. The program has also helped many Explorers achieve a career in policing. Besides gaining a working knowledge of police work, the Explorers also have the opportunity to give of back to their community.

Explorers, who act in accordance with our core values of Honesty, Integrity, Professionalism, Loyalty, Respect, and Teamwork; will receive a personalized letter of reference to represent their hard work and dedication to the program. These references have been considered advantageous for Explorers when they have applied for employment and educational opportunities with law enforcement agencies and Criminal Justice programs alike.

# ELIGIBILITY

## AGE

Applicants must be at least 14 years of age, in high school, and have not reached their 21st birthday. Applicants must also attend school or possess a high school diploma or GED certificate. If still in high school, applicants must maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher.



## PARENTAL PERMISSION

Parental/Guardian written approval is required for all Explorers under the age of 18.

## US CITIZENSHIP

Applicants must be a citizen of the United States.

## BACKGROUND CHECK

Upon submission of a completed MPD Explorer Application, a thorough background check will be completed, and an oral interview date will be scheduled. Applicants will be disqualified if you have been convicted of a felony or serious misdemeanor or other crime that does not reflect our core values.

## PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should be in good physical condition to safely perform responsibilities of this position without posing a threat to the health and safety of themselves or others. Marietta Police Explorers are required to successfully complete the physical agility test, written exam, and practical testing and physical.

# MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

## VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT

In addition to our scheduled meetings, each Explorer must be willing to contribute a minimum of 5 hours a month to the Explorer Program's various details, to include road races, fundraisers, banquets, and city events.

## POST MEETING REQUIREMENTS

The Post usually meets three (3) Thursdays a month at the Marietta Police Department and/or various other locations in Cobb County, GA from 6pm to 9pm. The meetings consist of classroom lectures and practical exercises comparable to Police Academy training. All training is conducted in a controlled environment by qualified department personnel. Explorers are required to attend a minimum of two meetings per month.

## MEMBERSHIP & FEES

There is a membership fee collected by the Explorer Post for each Explorer on behalf of Learning for Life, Scouts BSA, for their annual charter membership registration. Each Explorer pays a fee to establish their own annual membership. Uniforms are required by all members, with part of the uniform supplied by the Explorer Post and part purchased by the individual member. If selected as a Competition Team Member, travel fees for Explorer's room, meals, and competition fees will be the responsibility of the member and will not exceed \$250.00 per trip.

## NEW MEMBER

Upon completion of the application procedures and acceptance into the program, the new member is placed on a three-month probationary period. Successful completion of the probationary period allows the member to advance towards full membership privileges within the program. All Explorers are expected to be role models and examples for the community by maintaining grades and demonstrating supportive behavior that protects the honor and integrity of the Explorer Post.



## MARIETTA POLICE EXPLORERS

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