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Harrison County Sheriff's Department is proud to have one of the most long-lived Exploring programs on the Mississippi Gulf Coast serving since the early 1970's.

WHAT IS EXPLORING?

Explorer Post 327 is a chartered organization of the Boy Scouts of America. Exploring is a coed program with the intent to educate and involve young adults in police operations and into a successful career.

Explorers receive the opportunity to broaden their understanding and firsthand knowledge of the challenges and job skills that make up their county sheriff's department, in areas such as community relations, crime prevention, corrections, radio communications, and patrol. All activities are done under the supervision of department members and/or qualified advisors.

Post 327 Allows You To Gain Experience in Several Areas:

- ✓ Career Awareness – Gain useful experience in the law enforcement profession.
- ✓ Community Service – Develop the skill and desire to help others.
- ✓ Leadership Skills – Opportunities to make decisions and set goals
- ✓ Social Interaction – Participate in activities with peers and out in the community.

Membership Requirements

1. Must be at least 14 and have completed the eighth grade or 15 years old, but not yet 21.
2. Present a completed and notarized application to the advisors prior to the oral interview.
3. Must be able to maintain a "C" Average and have no discipline record while enrolled in school.
4. Be able to attend meetings and training.

Because our explorers are a representation of our department, it is of the utmost importance that all explorers have an understanding of the Harrison County Sheriff's Department and Explorer Post 327. To ensure this, each new explorer is required to go through a 60-day probationary phase where they must complete an orientation program and take a written exam on the Explorer Rules and Regulations. Only upon satisfactory completion of both will they be issued a department uniform and allowed to participate in community events and enforcement activities.

What Kind of Members Are We Looking For?

- ✓ Those wishing to learn more about the duties of law enforcement officers; or possibly pursue a law enforcement career.
- ✓ Those willing to use respect and tact when dealing with others; and work as a team.
- ✓ Those willing to use good judgment and common sense.
- ✓ Those wishing to gain experience and leadership to guide them into a successful career.

Activities Explorer Post 327 Participates In:

- Bimonthly Meetings- held 1st and 3rd Mondays
- County and City Festivals and fairs
- Public Service Participation: March of Dimes, School Career Day, D.A.R.E. Day
- Parades: Mardi Gras, Christmas, St. Patrick's Day, and more
- Scouting and Exploring events
- Hands-on training and experience in many divisions throughout the Harrison County Sheriff's Department
- Outdoor Activities: Experience your community in its entirety

Law Enforcement Training

Southeastern Law Enforcement Explorer Academy: Every summer, Explorers attend this week-long Academy where they experience the mental and physical challenges of the real Police Academy. Cadets begin each morning at 4:30 a.m. with P.T., making beds, cleaning rooms, and still manage to have breakfast before 7:00 a.m. After breakfast they march to the classrooms in military formation and learn law enforcement skills from experienced instructors.

Firearms qualifications: Explorers are taught how to clean, handle, and fire handguns, shotguns, rifles, and some other specialty weapons. They are shown the importance of gun safety and even have the opportunity to experience the same firearms qualifications course that full-time officers must pass.

Self Defense: Explorers are educated on self control and defense tactics.

Explorer Ride-Along Program: Harrison County is proud to be able to offer our youth the opportunity to see first-hand how their local law enforcement operates on patrol. Explorers at least 16 years old and have completed the Southeastern Law Enforcement Explorer Academy may ride

with a patrol officer and assist with directing traffic, report writing, operating police radios, and certain other tasks. Explorers are able to gain an understanding of “real life” situations that law enforcement officers face every day. This program is managed by strict guidelines to insure the safety of our officers and explorers.

As part of the ride-along program, Explorers will be able to participate with marine patrol units, beach patrol units as well as the mounted patrol units.

National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference: Every other year, Explorers will have the opportunity to attend and compete in a National Exploring Competition. Explorers train all year round to earn a place on our Competition Team. Those qualified have a chance to travel to other states and compete with other law enforcement posts in areas of: Accident Investigation, Arrest and Search, Bomb Threat Response, Burglary In Progress, Crime Prevention, Crime Scene Investigation, Domestic Response, First Aid Response, Hostage Negotiation, Shoot/Don't Shoot, Traffic Stops, and White Collar Crime

How Can I Join

To join Post 327, you may attend any Post meeting and pick up an application. Post meetings are held every 1st and 3rd Tuesday beginning at 6:30 p.m. and last until 8:00 p.m. unless we are having special training.

Our Post meets at the Harrison County Special Operations Center located behind the Harrison County Jail on Seaway Rd., Gulfport. (Turn left down the service drive and it will be the first trailer on your left).

For more information about Explorer Post 327, you may contact Capt. Greg Federico at 228-297-2898, Deputy Glen Powell at 228-547-1733, or contact your school resource deputy.

Accident Investigation



Arrest and Search Bomb Threat Response



Burglary In Progress



Crime Prevention



Explorers are handing out materials to the community in a D'Iberville Shopping Complex
Crime Scene Investigation



Domestic Crisis



First Aid & Hostage Negotiation



Shoot/Don't Shoot Situations



Traffic Stops



Classroom Instruction

