

## BENEFITS OF BEING AN EXPLORER

- Learn and practice services provided by law enforcement.
- Compete at explorer competitions.
- Conduct physical fitness training.
- Receive medical training.
- Ride-along with officers in the field.
- Assist officers at Driving Under the Influence (DUI) checkpoints.
- Assist with clerical duties at the Area office.
- Help organize fundraisers.
- Attend explorer meetings.
- Provide traffic control.
- Provide community service.
- Learn discipline and respect.
- Enhance communication skills.
- Build positive relationships with youth in your area.

## MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Must be 15-20 years of age.
- Have an interest in law enforcement.
- Must have at least a 2.0 GPA.
- No drug or alcohol use.
- Good citizenship.
- No felony convictions.

## HOW TO APPLY

Contact your local Area California Highway Patrol (CHP) office to obtain an application and speak to an explorer advisor to learn more about individual Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) requirements.

Contact the Headquarters Recruitment Unit at (916) 843-3275 to get assistance with locating the Explorer Post nearest you.

Once you submit your application, you will be required to complete a background check and medical examination by a licensed physician prior to participating in POST activities.

*Be a part of something greater than yourself.*



## CONTACT US TO EXPLORE YOUR FUTURE!

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CHP Recruitment: (916) 843-3275  
or contact your local CHP Area office.

# CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

EXPERIENCE A CAREER IN LAW ENFORCEMENT



## THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL EXPLORER PROGRAM

The CHP Explorer Program is a voluntary program that provides a unique and challenging opportunity for young women and men between the ages of 15-20 to participate in the Department's operations. Explorer meetings are conducted on a weekly basis at various CHP Area field offices throughout the state. Explorers are trained in many aspects of law enforcement and work closely with officers to learn what a career in law enforcement entails. Additionally, experienced explorers gain experience through officer ride-alongs patrolling the streets and highways of California.

### OUR MISSION

The mission of the CHP Explorer Program is to develop young individuals into potential future applicants through excellence, discipline, and a commitment to serving their community, while enhancing efforts in the long-range recruitment of qualified applicants.

### ENHANCED OPPORTUNITIES

Successful completion of the Explorer Program is the first step towards a rewarding career with the CHP. It presents many opportunities, especially for an explorer who is planning to make the CHP a career. Statistically, explorers are more successful as cadets at the CHP Academy and as officers during field break-in training.



*Work with officers as they patrol the streets and highways of California.*

*Experience the CHP Academy first-hand during the Level III and Level IV Academies.*



### PARTICIPATE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT COMPETITIONS

Explorer competitions are designed to be both physically and mentally challenging. Competitions will test the strengths and limitations of each explorer's intelligence, personality, demeanor, and physical abilities, as well as their dedication and conviction to the Explorer Program. Explorers will be given the opportunity to test their skills in simulated real-life situations that law enforcement officers face on a daily basis. Some common scenarios include: felony stop, DUI investigation, active shooter, and domestic violence. Competitions foster a great sense of teamwork, camaraderie, and esprit de corps, which are a highlight of the Explorer Program!

### ENHANCED TRAINING

Explorer cadets will participate in 4 Academy levels to enhance their skills as they progress through the program. These Academies provide basic training in a number of different areas and subjects that help prepare an explorer for the CHP Academy.

#### LEVEL I:

The Level I Explorer Academy outlines the basics expected from explorer cadets. This includes more than 24 hours of instruction, typically held at the Area office. Topics include the history of the CHP, the California Vehicle Code, CHP's patrol vehicle radio equipment and communications, physical fitness, community outreach, as well as instruction on leadership and ethics. The completion of Level I introduces explorer cadets to the foundational pillars of a law enforcement career and prepares them for the challenges ahead.

#### LEVEL II:

The Level II Explorer Academy is a 16-hour course that covers CPR basics and first aid. Upon completion of the Level II Academy, explorers will become CPR certified. This certification is renewed annually by explorers of all ranks, giving them essential knowledge that is key for first responders.

#### LEVEL III:

The Level III Explorer Academy is an intense 6-day training course which provides explorer cadets the opportunity to experience life as a CHP cadet. During this training, explorer cadets will live at the CHP Academy in West Sacramento. Through the 6 demanding days, explorer cadets will train with the CHP Academy's Physical Training Unit, and receive instruction on over 20 subjects, including crash investigation, California Vehicle Code, effective communication skills, DUI investigations, and laws of arrest. Upon successful completion of the Level III Explorer Academy, explorer cadets are awarded their cloth explorer badge and will make the well-deserved transition to explorer.

#### LEVEL IV:

Like the Level III Academy, the Level IV Academy is a 6-day training course. During this training, explorers will live at the CHP Academy in West Sacramento. The Level IV Academy is exclusively reserved for CHP explorers who have successfully completed Levels I, II, and III; are at least 19 ½ years of age; and are in excellent health and physical condition. In addition to the physical training and DUI investigation training, Level IV attendees are given the rare opportunity to drive patrol vehicles on the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course.



*Make a difference in your community.*