

EXPLORER PROGRAM INTEREST CARD

CITY OF OAK HARBOR POLICE DEPARTMENT DECLARATION OF ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

(Read this document in full before signing)

I, _____, the undersigned, declare the following:

I am _____ years of age, and am not a member of the Oak Harbor Police Department. I have made a voluntary request to participate in the Explorer Program of the Oak Harbor Police Department. I will accompany any member of the Oak Harbor Police Department to whom I may be assigned during the performance of his/her official duties, which may include riding with said officer in a police vehicle, and being present at the scene of criminal investigations and other emergencies.

I understand that the Oak Harbor Police Department will allow me to participate in it's Explorer Program only on condition that I release the City of Oak Harbor of risk involved in said participation ... and that I release the City of Oak Harbor, it's officers, agents and employees from all liability and I agree to these conditions. I further understand that I might be required to be a witness in court proceedings as a result of actions I might observe.

I understand that the duties of the Oak Harbor Police Department are inherently dangerous and that I may be subjected to the risk of death or personal injury or of damage to my property during my participation in the Explorer Program. I further understand that said risks may arise from, but are not limited to, civil disturbances; explosions or shootings; the effects of wind, rain, fire and gas, assaults and/or batteries, and vehicular collision; and I freely and voluntarily assume all of said inherent risks, whether or not they are listed herein.

In consideration of my being permitted to participate in the Explorer Program, I agree to be bound by all orders, rules, and regulations concerning my participation; to promptly obey all instructions of any police officer to whom I am assigned; and to release the City of Oak Harbor, it's officers, agents and employees from any liability arising out of my said participation. I have had the above-mentioned risks fully explained to me and I have read and understand the contents of this document and I fully assume such risks and sign this document of my own free will. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 20_____, at Oak Harbor, Washington.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT/DECLARANT

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN (if minor)

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

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Name _____ Address _____
Last First Middle

Age _____ Date of birth _____ Home Tel: _____ Work Tel: _____

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Oak Harbor Police Department



Police EXPLORER Position

REQUIREMENTS

Candidates for the position of Police Explorer must:

- Be between 14 and 21 years of age.
- Be a United States citizen.
- Be currently enrolled in High School.
- Maintain a minimum C+ average.
- Have parental approval, including signature on a liability release form.

Successful candidates will demonstrate:

- The ability to learn pertinent state and local laws and departmental policies and procedures;
- The ability to maintain cooperative working relationships with co-workers and the general public;
- The ability to follow oral and written directions;
- A high degree of interest in law enforcement as a possible future career; and
- Complete a 55-hour Basic Explorer Academy.

HOW TO APPLY

- Interested candidates may complete an *Explorer Program Interest Card* on the reverse side of this form. The signature of parent/guardian for candidates under age 18 is required. After completion, this form should be turned in to the receptionist at the Oak Harbor Police Department.
- Upon availability of new/open positions within the OHPD Explorer Post, the Post Officers, along with the Post Advisor, will review the *Interest Cards* currently on file. Letters of intent will be sent to the candidates, to notify them of the selection process.
- *Interest Cards* will not be kept on file for more than two years. Ordinarily, recruitment and selection occurs during the Fall, every other year.

SELECTION PROCESS

- Selection criteria for Police Explorers parallels that for Reserve Officers.
- All applicants for Police Explorers shall be between 14 and 21 years of age, which is consistent with the Boy Scouts of America standards.
- Police Explorer applicants shall be required to complete an Oak Harbor Police Explorer application. Those who meet minimum qualifications for age, education, physical condition, and other criteria as described by Law Enforcement Exploring Program Guidelines, will be invited to compete.
- Upon the establishment of an eligibility list, Police Explorer applicants will be required to complete a medical examination, Oak Harbor Police Department oral review board, and background investigation prior to appointment.

*Visit the Oak Harbor Police
Department's Website:*
www.oakharbor.org

For further information, contact the
Oak Harbor Police Department
Explorer Coordinator
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ohpd42@oakharbor.org

The City of Oak Harbor is an Equal Opportunity Employer and assures equal employment opportunity based on ability and fitness to all persons regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status, or presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability.

ABOUT EXPLORERS

- The Oak Harbor Police Department has an authorized Police Explorer Unit, which performs similar duties, consistent with applicable law, as Reserve Officers.
- Police Explorers are NOT commissioned and will not be used in the day-to-day delivery of law enforcement services. They may be present to observe direct police action, but shall not actively take part in arrest, search, seizure, interrogation or surveillance procedures.
- The Oak Harbor Police Department has a Police Explorer Manual, which delineates the duties of Police Explorers. These duties are primarily of a **Police Service** nature; that is, assistance rendered by the police to citizens.
- All Police Explorers are required to work a minimum of 8 hours per month. This may include meetings, communications, ride-along's, or special details.
- Uniforms for the Police Explorers are distinctly different from those of full-time officers. A round Police Explorer patch is worn in lieu of a badge. The Oak Harbor Police Department shoulder insignia is worn to identify Police Explorers as a component of the Oak Harbor Police Department.
- Police Explorers shall qualify a firearms familiarity course for the purpose of insuring that they can safely handle, or render safe, a firearm. Under NO circumstances shall they carry a firearm.
- Firearms qualification will be completed under the direction of the Department Rangemaster.