



FORT WORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT EXPLORING PROGRAM

FWPD EXPLORING PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Fort Worth Police Exploring program focuses on STRONG character development, physical training and career education. We will prepare you to make ethical decisions that will help you achieve your full potential. We will teach you to protect and serve. Exploring is the premier career-awareness program for youth and youth adults ages 14-21 in the City of Fort Worth and surrounding areas.

HOW IT WORKS NOW

Interested applicants fill out the ONLINE INTEREST FORM during annual Open Enrollment period.

Online Interest form Link: <https://police.fortworthtexas.gov/OnlineServices/Explorer/>

OPEN ENROLLMENT Annually JULY 1st through AUGUST 31ST

The Exploring staff conducts a background check of the applicant. Once the background check is complete and the applicant is found to be eligible they move on to the application process. The youth then completes the required city application, annual Medical and Health form, and pays their required registration fee.

- Applicants are required to complete and pass PAT Physical Assessment Test
- Applicants must pass oral interview
- Applicants must also attend the Annual Family/youth orientation night

EXPLORER TRAINING MEETINGS

Meeting Location: Fort Worth Police Department Training Facility, 511 W. Felix Street, Fort Worth, TX 76115

Meeting/Training Days: Mondays 6:00PM – 9:00PM

Contact: Officer Rebecca Woodward for questions at (817) 392-4458 or email Rebecca.Woodward@fortworthtexas.gov

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Fort-Worth-Police-Department-Explorers-939898692755104/>

RANK STRUCTURE

- **Chief** – Four Gold Stars on Collar
- **Commander** – Three Gold Stars on Collar
- **Captain** of the Post – Two Gold/Silver Bars on Collar
- **Lieutenant** of the Post – One Gold/Silver Bar on Collar
- **Sergeant** of the Post – Silver or Gold Three Stripes on Collar
- **Corporal** of the Post – Silver or Gold Two Stripes on Collar

FWPD EXPLORING PROGRAM INFORMATION

Fees Associated with program include the following:

- \$50.00 Application fee, due with application paperwork, fees cover issued long and short sleeved t-shirts,
- Various Competition Registration fees ranging from \$25.00-\$50.00 per competition.
- \$30.00 per uniform shirt for Class A and Class B (must pass 6 month probation prior to uniform issuance)

UNIFORMS

- Class A
 - Long Sleeve White Shirt
 - Black Clip On Tie (GYC)
 - Black Dickies Pants (Anywhere)
 - Black Boots (Anywhere)
 - Silver Name Plate, Silver Buttons (P Pins total of 4) (GYC)
- Class B
 - Short Sleeve White Shirt
 - Black Dickies Pants (Anywhere)
 - Black Boots (Anywhere)
 - Silver Name Plate, Silver Buttons (GYC)
- Class C
 - Navy Blue Explorer T-shirt – Issued
 - Khaki / Black BDU Pants/Blue Jeans
 - Black Boots / Black Tennis Shoes
- (GYC) – Got You Covered - 1200 E Lancaster Ave (817) 336-0692

GEAR BELT EQUIPMENT

We have limited gear to issue at times however you can purchase your own personal gear at (GYC) Or Galls Online. Gear you will need.

- Black Leather Gear Belt
- Black Inner Belt
- Black Belt Keepers
- Black Gun Holster
- Black Handcuff Case
- Silver Handcuffs (Smith and Wesson or Peerless)
- Handcuff Key
- Black Taser Holster (Optional)
- Black Flash Light Holster (Optional) & Flashlight
- Red Gun and Taser (Optional)