

## Interest Card

If you are interested in the BART Police Department's Explorer Program please complete the below information and follow the instructions on the back of this pamphlet (please print neatly).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_

Been Arrested [ ] Yes [ ] No

Driver License # (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_

Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

To submit this interest card, please enclose this pamphlet in a stamped envelope and mail to:

BART Police Explorers Post #413  
800 Madison Street, P.O. Box 12688  
Oakland, CA 94604-2688

OR

Drop off this interest card in person at the BART Police Headquarters located at:

BART Police Department – HQ  
(at the Lake Merritt BART Station)  
800 Madison Street  
Oakland, CA 94604-2688

Your interest card will be kept on-file and an Explorer Program representative will contact you when a volunteer position becomes available.



For other inquiries:

Phone: 510-464-7050  
(voice message only)

E-Mail: [POST413@BART.GOV](mailto:POST413@BART.GOV)

## Bay Area Rapid Transit Police Department



### Police Explorer Post #413

### Program Information and Interest Card

## About the Police Department

The BART Police Department is comprised of 296 personnel, of which 206 are sworn peace officers with peace officer powers anywhere in the state of California. The department is BART's sole law-enforcement entity and provides the full range of police services.

To prepare for major emergencies, critical incidents, and tactical situations, the department is a signatory to the Bay Area's mutual-aid pacts and has teams of highly trained officers for tactical response and/or crisis negotiations.

Community-service officers, communications/9-1-1 dispatchers, revenue protection-guards, and clerical staff and supervisors comprise the department's civilian employees. Qualifications and training for BART police officers exceed the guidelines of the state's Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, which certifies all California peace officers.

In addition to meeting POST requirements, every BART police officer applicant must have completed at least a year of college. Most officers are assigned to the Patrol Bureau and become eligible for specialized assignments, including: field training officer; canine handler; SWAT operator; detective; bicycle patrol; personnel and training officer; applicant background investigator; crime analyst; administrative traffic officer; FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force investigator; and undercover anti-vandalism and special-enforcement teams.



The Patrol Bureau is decentralized into five geographical police zones, each with its own headquarters and field offices. This community-based deployment strategy enhances the BART police department's ability to work more closely with the local residents, allied public-safety agencies, businesses, schools, and other transit district employees. There are BART police facilities throughout the BART district where lieutenants, sergeants, officers, and community-service officers report for duty.

To further ensure the personal safety of BART riders, pay phones and emergency call-boxes in parking lots connect directly to the BART police 9-1-1 communications center. The District also utilizes video-surveillance systems in trains, stations, and parking lots. Since 9/11, the emphasis has been to further harden BART's critical infrastructure against the threat of terrorism. The department hosts drills for the region's first-responders and participates in local, state, and federal counterterrorism working groups. An officer is assigned fulltime to the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force and a command officer is designated as the department's mutual-aid, counter-terrorism, and homeland-security liaison. All of BART PD's canines are highly trained and certified to detect explosives.

## About the Explorer Program



**Law Enforcement Career Exploring** is open to young men and women ages 14 (and completed the 8th grade) through 21 years old with an interest in learning more about careers in the field of Law Enforcement.

Law Enforcement Exploring provides educational training programs for young adults on the purposes, mission, and objectives of law enforcement. The program provides career orientation experiences, leadership opportunities, and community service activities. The primary goals of the program are to help young adults choose a career path within law enforcement and to challenge them to become responsible citizens of their communities and the nation.

Agencies from federal, state, and local levels coordinate the Law Enforcement Exploring programs throughout the United States. The majority of the community programs are managed by local police departments, including Sheriffs, Chiefs of Police, and State Police. In addition, many federal agencies offer their support. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), Federal Air Marshal Service, US Army Military Police, US Customs and Border Protection Service, US Marshals Service, US Postal Inspection Service, and US Secret Service provide national programs, scholarships, workshops, and literature. Also, Law Enforcement Exploring is supported by the National Sheriffs' Association and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Nationally, over 33,000 Explorers and 8,425 adult volunteers participate in Law Enforcement Exploring. The program highlights include: the National Law Enforcement Exploring Leadership Academies, ride-alongs, career achievement awards, National Law Enforcement Exploring Conferences, and scholarship opportunities.



## BART Explorer POST #413



### BART Police Department Explorer Post #413

The BART Police Department's Explorer Program offers a unique opportunity to volunteer with many communities within the four counties that the BART District serves (Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco and San Mateo counties). Our community includes an average weekday ridership of 325,000 passengers and over 3,000 BART employees.

BART Explorers will perform a wide variety of non-enforcement duties to assist the BART Police Department, while being tutored for a career in law enforcement.

After completing a training period, Explorers will be issued uniforms and equipment and will be expected to participate regularly in department activities, social events, community events, additional training, competitions, an Explorer training academy and department ride-alongs with BART police officers, Community Service Officers and Dispatchers. There are some costs associated with program participation; however no one will be denied participation in the program due to an inability to cover those costs.

The program is designed to provide the Explorers with the training, knowledge and skills to work closely and safely with the BART police department and the communities it serves.

### Requirements and Qualifications

1. Possess a positive interest in the law enforcement career or one of community service.
2. Be a minimum of 14 (and completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade) years of age to a maximum of 20 years at the time of their acceptance.
3. Be enrolled in high school or college.
4. If a student, maintain a grade point average of 2.0 for each course and 2.5 overall.
5. Be in good physical and mental condition.
6. Must have a clean police record.
7. Maintain a good driving record (if in possession of a driver license).
8. Be willing to be active and participate in explorer activities.
9. Be able to pass an oral board, background check and training examinations.