

Interest Card

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

Name: _____

Age: ____ Date of Birth _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

GPA _____

Driver License # (if applicable)

Date submitted: _____

Signature: _____

Place the completed interest card in a stamped envelope and mail to:

BART Police Explorers Post #413
Attn: Sgt. J. Guerra
Explorer Advisor
101 8th Street RM 367
Oakland, CA 94607

OR

Take the completed interest card to:

BART Police Headquarters
Police Services Window
(Across from Lake Merritt BART Station)
101 8th Street
Oakland, CA 94607
Monday through Friday – 8AM to 5PM

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



For other inquiries:

Voice Message Line:
510-464-7050

E-Mail: POST413@BART.GOV

BART Police Department



**Police Explorer Post
#413**

**Program Information
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About the Police Department

The BART Police Department is the transit police agency for the BART system. The department was formed in 1972 after special state legislation was created to allow the BART District to have its own police force.

The department has approximately 300 police personnel and is authorized 206 sworn police officers. The department is led by Chief Kevin Franklin and is comprised of 6 patrol zones to enhance community policing.

The police department is unique for its wide jurisdiction which includes Alameda County, Contra Costa County, San Francisco County, San Mateo County and Santa Clara County. BART police personnel have the ability to work in a variety of communities throughout the 5 counties. Although the department headquarters is in Oakland, personnel direct report to substations throughout the bay area to provide more rapid responses to calls for service.

In addition to sworn police personnel, the department employs a variety of non-sworn civilian employees, including police dispatchers, Police Administrative Specialists, Revenue Protection Guards, Community Service Officers, Fare Inspection Officers, Ambassadors, and Crisis Intervention Specialists.

The police department has adopted five core values: Integrity, Service, Accountability, Professionalism and Diversity. The mission of the BART police department is to ensure a safe environment within our transit system, reduce crime through a highly visible police presence, and provide proactive enforcement of the law, and to promote public confidence by working in partnership with our stakeholders and communities we serve.



About the Explorer Program



Law Enforcement Career Exploring is open to young men and women ages 14 (and completed the 8th grade) through 20 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.

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 was established in 2010 with the goal of providing youth and young adults, ages 14 through 20, the opportunity to volunteer at the BART police department.

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

After completing a training period, Explorers will be issued uniforms and equipment and will be expected to participate regularly in department meetings, social events, community events, training, competitions, an Explorer training academy and department ride-alongs with BART police officers, and other police personnel. 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.

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 8th grade) years of age to a maximum of 18 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.