

	<p style="text-align: center;">BRIDGEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">POLICY AND PROCEDURE GENERAL ORDER</p>	Distribution	General Order Number
		ALL PERSONNEL	8.16
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		2/18/20	7/27/20
<p>Order Title:</p> <p>AUXILIARY PROGRAMS</p>		Accreditation Standard: POSTC: 1.8.1	Section
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		PERSONNEL	
<p>Rescinds:</p>		<p>Armando J. Perez, Chief of Police</p>	

This General Order is for departmental use only and does not apply in any criminal or civil proceeding. This General Order should not be construed as creation of a higher legal standard of safety or care in an evidentiary sense with respect to third party claims. Violations of this General Order will only form the basis for departmental administrative sanctions. Violations of law will form the basis for civil and criminal sanctions in a recognized judicial setting

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this general order is to establish guidelines and procedures related to the use of Bridgeport Police Department’s “Auxiliary” programs.

II. POLICY

It is Bridgeport Police Department policy to promote agency programs that encourage interest in the law enforcement profession among the community's youth, and programs that provide employee support. To that end, the Bridgeport Police Department supports the Police Explorers program. Members are not sworn officers, have no authority to make seizures or arrests and shall not carry firearms or other weapons. Members of Auxiliary units will receive training in their duties and responsibilities prior to taking on any unit activities. Police Explorers will not be used in any capacity to replace sworn members.

III. PROCEDURES

A. Police Explorer Program Requirements

1. Exploring is the young-adult division of the Boy Scouts.
2. Explorers are young men and women aged 13 through 20.
3. Exploring is a dynamic and flexible program designed to help community organizations serve youth. It can influence and enrich the lives of our next generation of citizens.

4. Recruiting can be done in a number of ways. It can be achieved by word of mouth, recruiting posters in middle and high schools, career fairs at middle and high schools, newspaper articles, and internet/web page information.
5. Regular meetings are held at the discretion of the program supervisor
6. Officers and guest lecturers teach the explorers about various aspects of law enforcement and members may attend a summer academy.
7. Police Explorers may accompany sworn personnel in their duties for the purposes of learning law enforcement duties and skills.
8. Police Explorer uniforms will be maintained in a manner that makes it immediately apparent that they are not police officers.