



**SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**PARK POLICE DIVISION**  
**LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER POST 9826**  
*600 Hemisfair Plaza, Bldg 337 - San Antonio, Texas 78205*

## **San Antonio Park Police Explorer Post 9826**

### **Welcome to Law Enforcement Exploring**

The San Antonio Park Police Division is proud to sponsor the first Park Police Explorer Post, Post 9826. Responsibility for Explorer Post 9826 will be with the Park Police C.O.R.E. Unit (Community Operations & Resource Education). The San Antonio Park Police Explorer Post 9826 was established in memory and honor of Park Police Officer Paul Pytel who gave his life in the line of duty on July 31, 1994.



**San Antonio Park Police**  
**Officer Paul M. Pytel**  
**Badge 9826**

***In Valor, There Is Hope.***  
*- Tacitus*

### **HISTORY OF THE EXPLORER PROGRAM**

The Boy Scouts of America made changes to the Senior Scout programs over the years and the Senior Scout programs of the 1930's and 40's opened the door for the Explorer programs of the 50's. The Explorer Program continued and grew stronger in the 1960's. In the 70's Exploring went co-ed and programs came and went to meet the needs of high school and college age youth. Most recently, Exploring was split into two separate programs: Learning for Life Exploring and Venturing.

Exploring is a worksite-based program and is part of Learning for Life's career education program for young men and women who are 15 through 20 years old. The purpose of Exploring is to provide experiences that help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults.

As a Law Enforcement Explorer, you will learn about a wide variety of topics including but not limited to: Basics of Law Enforcement; Accident Investigation; Arrest, Search and Seizure; Bomb Threats; Building Searches; Crime Scene Investigation;

Crisis/Hostage Negotiation; Felony Stops; Physical Agility/Team Building; Robbery Investigation and Traffic Stops!

## **WHAT ARE THE GOALS & OBJECTIVES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORING?**

- Further the Explorers' education
- Encourage the Explorers' participation in a wide variety of service activities
- Enhance the Explorers' participation for future roles as citizens, community members, leaders, and law enforcement officers.

## **EXPLORING PROGRAMS ARE BASED ON FIVE AREAS OF EMPHASIS:**

- **Career Opportunities** – Developing potential contacts that may broaden employment options and boosting self confidence and experiencing success at school and work.
- **Life Skills** – Developing physical and mental fitness and experiencing positive social interaction.
- **Citizenship** – Encouraging the skill and desire to help others and to gain a keen respect for the basic rights of others.
- **Character Education** – Helping make ethical choices and fulfilling one's responsibility to society as a whole.
- **Leadership Experience** – Developing leadership skills to fulfill our responsibilities in society and providing exposure to different leadership traits.

## **HOW DO YOU QUALIFY FOR THE PARK POLICE EXPLORERS?**

To join the San Antonio Park Police Explorers you must meet the following criteria:

- Be between the ages of 15 and 20 years of age
- Have a sincere interest in Law Enforcement
- Be enrolled in school and maintain a "C" average
- Have parental permission if under the age of 18
- Have no serious police record
- Be in good health and maintain a neat appearance and manner in compliance with the policies of the Park Police Division
- Complete a Park Police Application Packet
- Pass a thorough background check

***If you have questions or for more information,  
contact Sgt. Al Ballew at (210)299-4641.***



**Join the San Antonio Park Police Explorers and help make a difference in your community and yourself!**