

# HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT EXPLORER POST 327

TROY J. PETERSON, SHERIFF



## Membership Requirements

1. Must be at least 14 and have completed the eighth grade or 15 years old, but not yet 21.
2. Present a completed and notarized application to the advisors prior to the oral interview.
3. Must be able to maintain a "C" Average and have no discipline record while enrolled in school.
4. Be able to attend meetings and training.
5. Because our explorers are a representation of our department, it is of the utmost importance that all explorers have an understanding of the HCSD and Explorer Post 327. To ensure this, each new explorer is required to go through a 60-day probationary phase where they must complete an orientation program and take a written exam on the Explorer Rules and Regulations. Only upon satisfactory completion of both will they be issued a department uniform and allowed to participate in community events and enforcement activities.

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## Learn About Explorers

The Harrison County Sheriff's Department is proud to have one of the most long-established Exploring programs on the Mississippi Gulf Coast serving since the early 1970's.

### What is Exploring?

Explorer Post 327 is a chartered organization of the Boy Scouts of America. Exploring is a coed program with the intent to educate and involve young adults in police operations and into a successful career. Explorers receive the opportunity to broaden their understanding and firsthand knowledge of the challenges and job skills that make up their county sheriff's department, in areas such as community relations, crime prevention, corrections, radio communications, and patrol. All activities are done under the supervision of department members and/or qualified advisors.

### Post 327 Allows You To Gain Experience in Several Areas:

- Career Awareness – Gain useful experience in the law enforcement profession.
- Community Service – Develop the skill and desire to help others.
- Leadership Skills – Opportunities to make decisions and set goals
- Social Interaction – Participate in activities with peers and out in the community.

### What Kind of Members Are We Looking For?

- Those wishing to learn more about the duties of law enforcement officers; or possibly pursue a law enforcement career.
- Those willing to use respect and tact when dealing with others; and work as a team.
- Those willing to use good judgment and common sense.
- Those wishing to gain experience and leadership to guide them into a successful career.

### Activities Explorer Post 327 Participates In:

- Bimonthly Meetings- held 1st and 3rd Thursdays
- County and City Festivals and fairs
- Public Service Participation: March of Dimes, School Career Day, D.A.R.E. Day
- Parades: Mardi Gras, Christmas, St. Patrick's Day, and more Scouting and Exploring events
- Hands-on training and experience in many divisions throughout the HCSD.

### Explorers Receive Law Enforcement Training

- Firearms Qualifications - Explorers are taught how to clean, handle, and fire handguns, shotguns, rifles, and some other specialty weapons.
- Self Defense - Explorers are educated on self control and defense tactics.
- Explorer Ride-Along Program
- Southeastern Law Enforcement Explorer Academy

### How Can I Join?

Attend any Post meeting and pick up an application. Meetings are held every 1st and 3rd Thursday beginning at 6:00 p.m. and last until 8:00 p.m. unless we are having special training. Meetings are held at the Harrison County Jail (10451 Larkin Smith Dr, Gulfport, MS 39503. Turn left down the service drive and it will be the first trailer on your left.