Explorer Unit 55 of the Fort Myers Police Department

# Frequently Asked Questions

What is the criteria I must meet to become a member of Explorer Unit 55?

*Membership will be granted to those applicants who meet the criteria listed below:*

* *14 years of age (and completed the eighth grade) to 20 years of age*
* *Enrolled in high school or in possession of a high school diploma or equivalent.*
* *Have, and maintain, a “C” average or higher (copies of report cards due each quarter)*
* *Completed application packet*
* *Applicant must not have possessed or used alcohol or any illegal substance for a period of 12 months prior to the application date.*
* *No applicants are denied on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, religion or nationality. Any convictions will be judged on a case by case basis.*

How much does it cost to become an Explorer?

*The cost to become an Explorer is $40.00, first time registration $15.00. Each year there is an annual registration fee of $15.00. Explorer’s is a non-profit organization which solely relies on donation. The $15.00 registration fee goes towards the Post’s bank account to pay for extracurricular activities, uniforms, etc.*

Why does it cost $40.00?

* *Explorer registration $15.00*
* *Unit 55 t-shirt $10.00*
* *PT uniform $15.00 (includes 1 post t-shirt and 1 pair of athletic shorts)*

Do I have to pay for the uniform?

*Members are responsible for supplying black BDU’s belt and black polishable boots/shoes. There is no cost for the Class B uniform. (Note: black Dickies can be substituted for black BDU’s).*

When does the Post have meetings?

*Post meetings are every-other Monday; from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. There are also Details and Specialty Training meetings held throughout the month as well.*

What are “Details”:

*Explorers are requested to assist with Officer operations and requests from the community; such as Cops & Joggers, Safety Day, Crime Prevention events and Parades, just to name a few.. Explorers are required to participate in a minimum of two details a month.*

What else does the Post offer?

* *Color Guard Team*
* *Pistol Team*
* *Ride Alongs*
* *Explorer Academy*
* *Camping trips*

When can I do a Ride Along with a Police Officer?

*Members must be with the Post a minimum of six months, in good standing, in possession of a valid Florida Driver’s License. They must also attend a Ride Along Procedures class with a passing grade of 80%, take the City on-line driving course and pass the FCIC/NCIC Security course.*