



CITY OF  
**FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
PRESS RELEASE

Detective DeAnna Garcia  
Public Information Office  
(954) 828-5464  
DGarcia@fortlauderdale.gov

September 7, 2012

**FLPD POLICE**  
**EXPLORER PROGRAM**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is proud to announce the return of the police explorer program. This is a program for young men and women between the ages of 14 and 21 who are interested in Law Enforcement as a career. It is a nonprofit organization that evolved from the Police Youth Auxiliary, which was founded in June of 1967. When this program began it was led by full-time Police Officers of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department.

Applicants interested in this program should be aware of the requirements;

- Must be 14-21 years old.
- Must have a 2.0 GPA.
- Must have a valid identification card.
- Must be a current resident of the City.
- Must be able to attend weekly meetings.
- Must pass a background check and an oral interview.
- Must be able to work special assignments, details and events that are usually held at night and on the weekends.
- Must have 3 references.
- Must have permission from legal guardian. (If under 18 years old.)

Applicants accepted into this program will receive a variety of training and invaluable experiences through ride-alongs, which will aide them in making a career choice within the law enforcement. Many of our current officers were members of our explorer program and eventually became sworn officers.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Explorers will be tasked with serving their community with the utmost pride and integrity, as well as growing more knowledgeable with the many duties of law enforcement professionals.

Anyone interested in joining should contact Sergeant Darren Ogden via email at [dogden@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:dogden@fortlauderdale.gov)

###