



# News Release

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“Creating a Safer Community  
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## **Sheriff's Office Begins New Explorer Scout Program**

Sheriff Dan Kimball will appoint twelve area youths to the position of Explorer Scout at a ceremony this evening. The ceremony will take place at 7:00 pm at the Sheriff's training room located on the second floor of the Twin Star Credit Union (2400 Evergreen Park Dr SW).

Explorers are volunteers between the age of 14 and 20 who have an interest in law enforcement. These young people will undergo training in many different aspects of law enforcement. The typical duties for an Explorer are to assist the Sheriff's Office with parking/traffic control at events, searches, operating the Iris Scan system, and working within the office. In addition Explorers will be able to learn the law enforcement profession by actually riding with deputies on patrol, marine patrol, and civil paper service.

The Thurston County Sheriff's Office has not had an Explorer program since 2002. Sheriff Kimball believes that bringing an Explorer post back to the agency is in the community's best interest. “Giving our youth good options is critical if we want to have a healthy, productive society” Sheriff Kimball said.

The cost associated with the Explorer program is very minimal compared to the benefit that the youth and community will gain.

Youth between the ages of 14 and 20 interested in law enforcement are encouraged to contact Chief Deputy Dave Pearsall, 360-786-5503.

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