



Recap of La Crosse Law Enforcement Exploring 2017 – 2018



Number of Police Advisors: 6

Post Advisor: Officer Kurt Weaver

Associate Advisors: Sgt. Jon Wenger, Inv. Tony DeLap, Inv. Andrew Rosenow, Officer Cody Plenge, Officer Stephen Curns

Number of Police Explorers: 18

Exploring Impact on Future Plans:

- 100% of Explorers said they had a better understanding of a law enforcement career
- “It was an amazing experience. I liked how every class would be something different.”
- “I went into the program not knowing much about the jobs / officers and I learned a lot in fun ways. I liked getting to meet new officers.”

Comments from Explorers’ Evaluations to “what did you like, what could be better next year?”

- The sessions that most Explorers liked were DAAT (Defense and Arrest Tactics), Shooting/Firearms/Red-dot Simulator, Jail Tour, SWAT, K-9, and Domestic Violence
- For those that could do a “ride-along”, they said it was “great, eye opening to me” and “I loved it. It was great to go out and respond to calls!”
- For those that could attend the conference, they loved the Law Enforcement Exploring Conference in Wisconsin Dells and hope that more Explorers can attend next year!

Comments from evaluations to “after participating, do you have a better understanding of what a career in law enforcement would be like or require? Is law enforcement a career you would consider?”

- 91% of Explorers said they would consider a career in law enforcement.
- “After participating in Explorers, it has definitely shaped my future. I now have a better grasp on what I would like to do in my future career. Law enforcement is still something I am considering. I might go towards a neighborhood resource officer.”
- Another student wrote, “I would like to go to school to become a police officer.”

2017-18 La Crosse Police Department Explorer Post - Session Schedule

- 10/08/17: Orientation Meeting – Advisors, Explorers & Parents**
- 10/23/17: OWI (Operating While Intoxicated) Enforcement**
- 11/06/17: Basics of Firearms using “Red” Gun and Computer Simulation**
- 11/20/17: First AID / CPR / AED**
- 12/04/17: D.A.A.T. (Defense and Arrest Tactics)**
- 01/15/18: Room Clearing and a “Burglary in Progress” Scenario**
- 01/29/18: Domestic Violence - Classroom & Case Study**
- 02/9-11/18: Wisconsin - WLEEEA Exploring Conference at Wisconsin Dells**
- 02/12/18: La Crosse County Jail and Dispatch Center**
- 02/26/18: Crime Scene Investigation - a case study on a local crime and how to package evidence and how to dust for fingerprints.**
- 03/12/18: La Crosse Emergency Response Team (ERT) similar to SWAT**
- 03/26/18: Traffic Stops**
- 04/09/18: Wisconsin State Troopers – Traffic Investigation**
- 04/23/18: Taser and Pepper Spray Uses & Functions**
- 05/07/18: K-9 Unit – Bill the bomb-sniffing dog & Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO) program**
- 05/21/18: Year End Evaluations and Pictures**