

Barrow County Sheriff's Office Explorer Program

Code of Conduct

Mission Statement:

The Barrow County Sheriff's Office Explorer Program is committed to shaping future leaders and law enforcement officers through education, community involvement, and training. Our Explorers are expected to uphold the highest standards of behavior, respect, and integrity.

1. Professionalism & Integrity

- Explorers will act with honesty, integrity, and fairness at all times.
- Lying, stealing, cheating, or any form of dishonesty is grounds for disciplinary action or dismissal.
- Explorers represent the Barrow County Sheriff's Office and shall do so with pride and professionalism.

2. Respect & Courtesy

- Explorers will show respect to all advisors, deputies, fellow Explorers, and the public, and themselves.
- Use of vulgar, obscene, or disrespectful language or gestures is strictly prohibited.
- Bullying, harassment, or discrimination of any kind will not be tolerated.

3. Uniform & Appearance

- Explorers are to wear the official uniform properly and with pride, at all designated events.

- Uniforms must be clean and complete with all issued gear.
- Explorers will never attempt to or identify themselves as law enforcement officers.

4. Attendance & Punctuality

- Attendance is mandatory for scheduled meetings, training, and events unless prior approval is granted.
- Explorers must arrive on time and be prepared for all scheduled activities.

5. Conduct During Events & Ride-Alongs

- Explorers must follow all instructions given by advisors or deputies during any event or ride-along.
- Explorers shall not interfere with law enforcement duties or involve themselves in police operations unless directed.
- Confidentiality of any observed or overheard information must be maintained at all times.

6. Use of Social Media

- Explorers shall not post inappropriate content or anything that could reflect negatively on the Barrow County Sheriff's Office.
- Social media use must align with the values of the program and not violate privacy, policy, or public trust.
- Explorers will never identify themselves as employed with the Barrow County Sheriff's Office or other agencies within or outside of Barrow County.

7. Substance Use

- The use, possession, or distribution of alcohol, tobacco, vaping products, or illegal substances is strictly prohibited.

8. Chain of Command

- Explorers will respect and follow the program's chain of command.
- Concerns or issues should be reported to an immediate advisor or commanding officer within the program.

9. Disciplinary Actions

- Violation of this Code of Conduct may result in verbal or written warnings, suspension, or termination from the program.
- The Barrow County Sheriff's Office reserves the right to dismiss any Explorer at any time if deemed necessary.
- Any violation of the above will be handled with progressive discipline up to and including dismissal from the program.

Acknowledgment:

I, _____, have read and understand the Code of Conduct for the Barrow County Sheriff's Office Explorer Program. I agree to follow the rules and uphold the standards expected of me as a representative of the Barrow County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post.

Explorer Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Program Advisor Signature: _____ **Date:** _____