



Palestine Police Youth Corps

Public Safety Cadets Unit #1871

Information for Parents

What will my Child be doing?

Your child will be participating in a program that is both fun and educational. The Palestine Police Youth Corps (PPYC) program instills core values in your child such as honesty, loyalty, and personal integrity while at the same time teaching them about the fun and exciting career they could have in Law Enforcement.

Does My Child Have to Become a Police Officer?

No, your child is more than welcome to join our program even if they have no desire to enter the field of Criminal Justice.

Will My Child be Permitted to Carry a Gun?

No, Corpsmen are NEVER permitted to carry any type of firearm, baton, or pepper spray like device while in the unit.

However, the unit will periodically visit gun ranges and receive gun safety and usage training from certified firearms instructors.

Each Explorer may be issued a gun holster from the unit for training purposes ONLY. This holster will be used only during training and NEVER worn outside of explorer functions.

Will My Child Have the Authority to Arrest People?

No, Corpsmen **DO NOT** have the authority to arrest anyone. However, Corpsmen may be required to have a pair of handcuffs for training purposes; these may be issued by the unit or purchased by the Corpsmen.

These handcuffs are for training purposes ONLY and should never be worn outside of explorer functions.

Where do I Purchase Equipment for my Child?

You May purchase equipment for your Corpsmen by contacting Michele Herbert at 903-731-8418 or emailing mherbert@palestine-tx.org

Do I Have to Purchase All of My Child's Uniforms and Equipment?

The unit will provide most of your child's uniform needs EXCEPT the following: A pair of black boots, a Duty Belt, black shoes, flashlight, underwear and personal items.

The unit will provide your child with other necessary equipment. If the corpman has a situation preventing them from being able to purchase them on their own, the unit will work to assist.

However, because we are a not for profit organization we ask that if at all possible you purchase as much of your own equipment as possible. If you have a situation that requires further assistance please **Contact an Advisor** and let us know.

How much does it cost?

Excluding the purchasing of equipment and uniforms; the unit asks for \$10.00 a month that goes towards the yearly insurance premium and any activities held throughout the year. The unit also asks for some cost sharing throughout the year for traveling to competitions, the Youth Corps academy and any social activities. If you require financial assistance to pay please contact us.



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What is the Time Commitment for my Child?

The Unit will meet every Tuesday night at the Carnegie Building, 502 N Queen St., from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Longer hours or additional days may be required as the Corps nears a competition. Please be aware that this is a huge time commitment and that the unit requires 75% attendance to all meetings, unit functions, fundraisers, and volunteer events.

Department Purpose and Mission for Youth Corps

The intent of the PPYC is to educate and involve youth in police operations, to interest them in possible law enforcement careers and to build mutual understanding. The education aspect provides knowledge of the law enforcement function in one's community whether one enters the field of law enforcement as a career or not. Through involvement, and service to the community, the PPYC program establishes an awareness of the complexities of police service. While police personnel remain the key to success, other reliable citizens can also become involved in the PPYC Program.

The Unit's Community Service Mission

It is the additional mission of this Unit to provide assistance to the community when requested, and when capable.

This mission is separate from service during times of crisis.

Purpose of Goals and Objectives

The Law Enforcement Exploring program has three main themes that any Goals and Objectives must provide for. These are:

- A. To further the Corpsman education.*
- B. To encourage Corpsman participation in a rewarding and productive service activity.*
- C. To enhance Corpsman's preparation for future roles as citizens, community members, leaders and future law enforcement careers.*

To Serve as a Potential Recruitment Tool for Future Men and Women in Law Enforcement

The Law Enforcement PPYC program will further the corpsman's education by providing the members with a basic knowledge of the field of law enforcement. Members **will** receive instruction in law, criminal investigation, crime prevention, traffic control and direction, accident investigation, juvenile delinquency and other related fields, which are an integral part of law enforcement.

To Serve as a Community Relations Effort between Police and Youth, and Between Youth and the Community

The PPYC program brings the Corpsman into direct contact with the "Police Officer" on a one-to-one basis through its meetings, details, social functions, and ride-along program. Corpsmen are given the responsibility and respect they demand. In turn they make their public service felt among members of the community, especially members in their age bracket.

To Be Utilized as a Service Group within the Community

Community services are strongly encouraged. Corpsmen are not to be used in assignments requiring police authority, but are used to assist the community under the direction and supervision of Police Officers.



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Additional Information

Social Media

Palestine Police Youth Corps has a private group on Facebook only for Police, Corpsmen, and parents. The page is meant to keep everyone up to date with the program, activities, competitions, training, meetings, and other pertinent information. On occasion, some of the pictures or information will also be shared on the Palestine Police Facebook page and webpage. We encourage you to join the page to stay up to date.

Texts

Updates, meetings and other information are relayed via text messages. Your corpsman needs to be part of the group text, but if you would also like to be part of it, please let us know.

Corpsmen not able to attend a meeting due to an illness, school function, or emergency must notify a mentor or through the group text. Texting a fellow member is not counted as a notification.

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