



Kern County Sheriff's Office Policies and Procedures

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POLICY

The uniform of the Kern County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post #519 will be worn in the prescribed manner. All members of the Explorer Post will purchase and maintain a complete serviceable uniform prior to the conclusion of their three-month orientation period as described. Explorers are expected to comply with all uniform appearance regulations in other sections of this manual as applicable.

Explorer uniforms may be worn while traveling to, from, and during official Explorer Post functions only. No Explorer will wear any identifiable part of the Explorer uniform unless dressed in the entire uniform. No Explorer will carry or wear any equipment which tends to affiliate them with law enforcement or the Kern County Sheriff's Office except when involved in approved Explorer functions.

Detailed descriptions of italicized uniform items are found in K-300.

The Explorer Class A uniform will consist of the following items:

- Headwear is not authorized for wear with the Class A Explorer uniform.
- *Shirt, Black and White Uniform, long or short sleeve:*
 - Shoulder Patches: A red Sheriff's Office shoulder patch will be affixed on both sleeves with the top of the patch 1 / 2" below the sleeve head seam, and in such a manner that a line bisecting the center of the patch would be perpendicular to the ground when the garment is worn. To be sewn on garment with colorfast black thread, not cross-stitched.
 - The Explorer Rocker patch will be affixed to each sleeve underneath the shoulder patch.
 - Civilian Badge, Metal
 - Name plate, metal (silver)
- *Trousers, Class B Uniform*
- *Footwear, Class A or B Uniform*
- Black socks
- Utility belt to include only the following items:
 - Explorers wishing to carry a flashlight may do so. The flashlight must be black or chrome finish and no longer than 12 inches in length.
 - Radio, if appropriate for the assignment.

- Jacket:
 - Explorer uniform jackets will have red Sheriff's Office shoulder patches and Explorer rocker patches affixed to the shoulders. The following jackets are authorized for wear with the Explorer uniform:
 - *Standard Duty*
 - *Alternate Duty*
 - *Cold weather*
 - *Alternate Cold Weather*
 - *Windbreaker*

Class B uniform:

The Class B uniform is to be worn only when the anticipated Explorer activity will have a tendency to cause excessive soiling or damage to the Class A uniform, and only with permission of the Chief Advisor. The Class B Explorer uniform shall consist of:

- Cap (optional):
 - Black baseball style cap with the approved Kern County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post #519 logo affixed by white screen printing across the front of the cap. The cap is to be worn only by permission of a Post Advisor, and only when needed to protect the wearer from adverse weather.
- *Trousers, Class C Uniform*
- *Shirt, heather grey colored polo shirt*
 - The approved Explorer logo shall be screen printed in black on the front of the shirt, left heart location.
 - "SHERIFF EXPLORER" will be screen printed in black on the back of the shirt in 3" block letters.
- *Footwear, Class B Uniform*
- Black socks
- Utility belt to include only the following items:
 - Explorers wishing to carry a flashlight may do so. The flashlight must be black or chrome finish and no longer than 12 inches in length.
 - Radio, if appropriate for the assignment.

The following Explorer rank insignia may be worn with the Class A uniform only as follows:

- Post Captain: Double silver/chrome bars worn on the shirt collar parallel to the seam on the bottom edge of the collar, one on each collar.
- Post Lieutenant: Single silver/chrome bar worn at the same position on the collar as the Post Captain.

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- Post Sergeant: Silver/chrome Chevron of three stripes, worn with the bottom tips of the stripe touching the seam along the bottom edge of the collar on each side.
- Senior Deputy Explorer: Silver/chrome Chevron of two stripes worn at the same position on the collar as the Post Sergeant.

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