A. Policy

The intent of the City of Lakewood's Explorer Post 226 is to educate and involve youth in police operations and develop their interest in law enforcement. The explorers serve in a volunteer capacity and the program serves as indoctrination as well as a recruitment tool for the city.

B. Procedure

1. Explorers are comprised of youth and adults who are between the ages of 14 and 21. Explorers must have successfully completed and passed an oral board, a background check, as well as a three month probationary period prior to being able to participate in post functions.

2. The Explorer Program is the responsibility of the Patrol Division, and under the command of the Special Team Commander. The explorer advisor is an agent assigned to the Patrol Division or a designated sworn agent who is responsible for administration, recruitment and training of post members.

3. Explorers learn through classroom training, competitions, volunteer assignments, community service functions, and by participating in the ride-along program.

4. Explorers in Post 226 will attempt to adhere to the additional policies and procedures set forth by Boy Scouts of America for Explorer Scouting.

5. Explorer Scouts can provide departmental assistance particularly in the areas of security, traffic control, liquor enforcement operations, SWAT training, and any other details approved by the Explorer Advisor and Special Teams Commander assigned to oversee the explorers. Requests for assistance from the Explorer Program shall be directed to the Explorer Advisor assigned to oversee the explorers. Requests may be made in person, in writing, or left on the advisor’s phone mail. Requests are subject to approval by the Commander assigned to oversee the explorers. When requesting explorer assistance, the following information shall accompany the request.

   a. Location of the detail
   b. Object of the detail
   c. Days requested for the detail
   d. Times requested for the detail
   e. Duration of the detail
   f. Additional specific information that is available
g. Supervision is the responsibility of the requesting party, or a post advisor if one is available to oversee the detail.

C. Rule

1. While on a ride along explorers are under the direct supervision of the agent he/she is riding with.

2. In the event of an emergency affecting an Explorer Scout Police Department supervisory personnel shall be notified immediately.