

# Memorandum

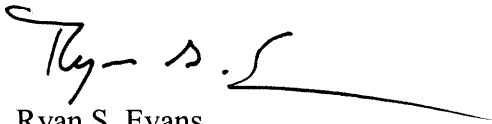


DATE: April 25, 2014

TO: Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee: Sheffie Kadane (Chair), Adam Medrano (Vice Chair), Dwaine Caraway, Jennifer S. Gates, Sandy Greyson, Scott Griggs

SUBJECT: **Dallas Police Explorer Program**

Attached is the briefing material on the "Dallas Police Explorer Program" to be presented to the Members of the Public Safety Committee on Monday, April 28, 2014.



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Interim First Assistant City Manager

Attachment

cc: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Dallas City Council  
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# Dallas Police Explorer Program

## Public Safety Committee

April 28, 2014



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Chief Of Police



- The Dallas Police Explorer Program is designed to give young adults the opportunity to determine if a career in law enforcement is in their future
- Explorers learn leadership skills, citizenship, responsibility and the value of community service

# Overview

- **The goal of Explorer Program is to:**
  - Further the Explorer's education
  - Encourage participation in a variety of community service activities
  - Prepare Explorers to be future leaders in their community



# Qualifications

- Ages 14-21
- An interest in law enforcement
- Enrolled in school & maintain at least a “C” average
- Pass a background check
- Complete Basic Explorer Training Program

# History of the Dallas Explorer Program

- Dallas Police Explorer Program began in 1973 with the establishment of Southwest Post 505
  - The first meeting was attended by over 200 kids
- Since the inception of the program, over 200 former Explorers have gone on to join the Dallas Police Department or other law enforcement agencies



# Program Structure

- Each Patrol Division has an Explorer Post
- A full time officer is assigned as the Main Advisor for each Post
- There are 115 young adults involved in the program
- In 2013, Explorers assisted in 45 different community service events totaling over 1600 hours

# Program Structure continued

- Explorers are taught criminal law, arrest and search procedures, handcuffing procedures, and radio procedures
- They attend Explorer competitions to compete against other Explorer Posts around the country in numerous scenarios





# Recent and Upcoming Big Events

- On April 19<sup>th</sup>, DPD hosted an Explorer competition at Fair Park for 24 teams (13 were from other agencies)

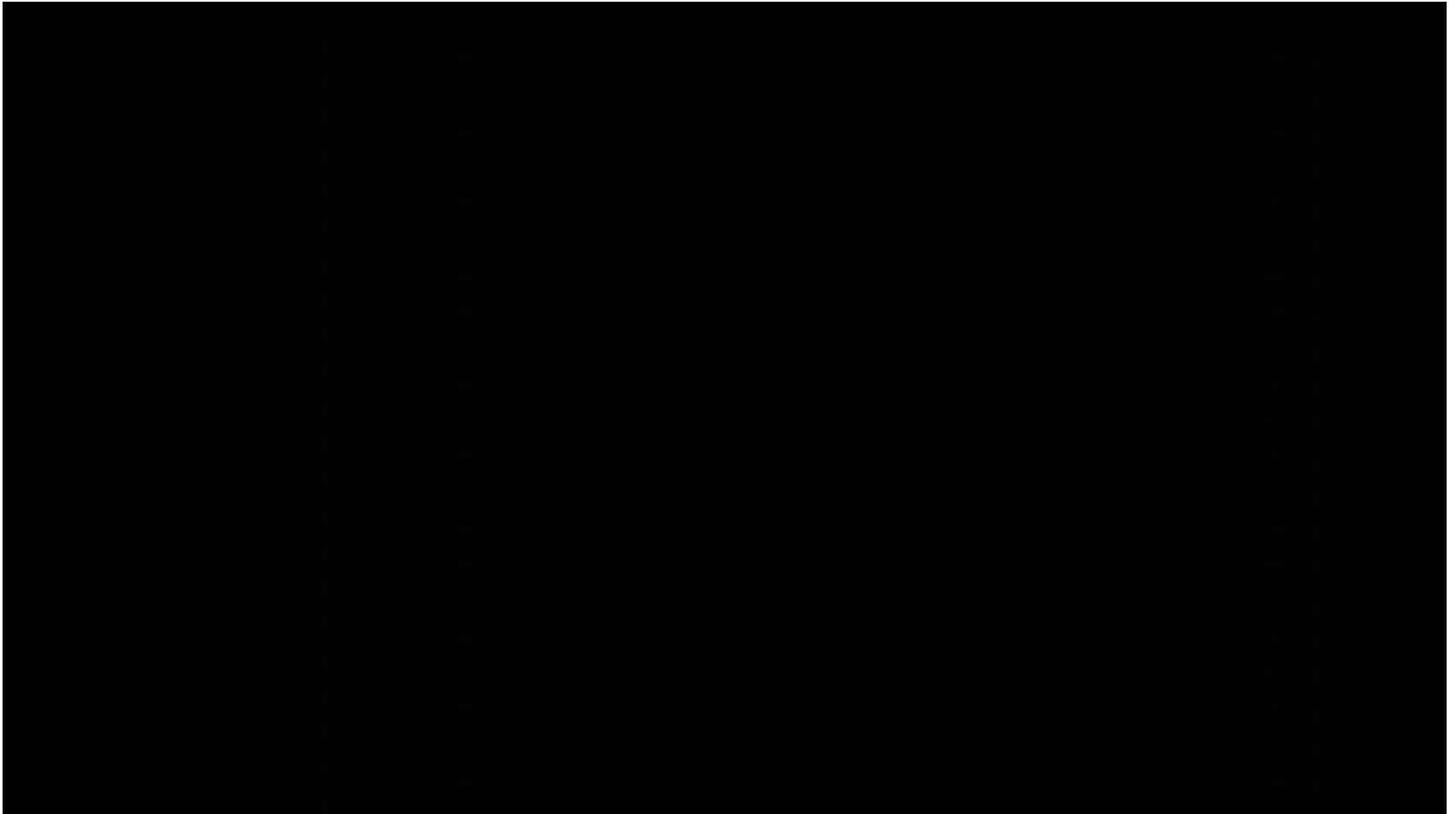


- Each summer, there is a 5-day academy with 50 Explorers in attendance

# Summary

- The Explorer Program is a valuable community outreach program
- The Program is a crime prevention tool aimed at our youth
- Explorers learn the importance of giving back to their community
- Additionally, it helps groom potential future officers

# Coming Soon



**Video to be shown during meeting**



**QUESTIONS?**