

Sheriff Eric J. Weaknecht has been a member of the Berks County Sheriff's Office since 1984.

The Berks County Sheriff's Office is staffed with 108 full time employees, operates a fleet of 30 vehicles and occupies three floors of the Berks County Courthouse. The Sheriff's Office is responsible for elements of both criminal court and civil court and has a licensing issuance and enforcement function. The Sheriff's Office service area not only includes Berks County, but is required to travel the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the entire United States. It services tens of thousands of civil customers across our counter and in the county, and it handles over 12,000 criminal defendants. The Sheriff's Office is organized into six divisions: Civil, Court, Patrol, Central Booking, K-9, and Warrants.

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## Your Future in Law Enforcement Starts Here







## **BERKS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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### **EXPLORER POST #027**



#### LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER EXPLORING







#### When do meetings take place?

Meetings are generally held on the third Wednesday of each month will last approximately 2 - 3 hours.

#### **Program Costs:**

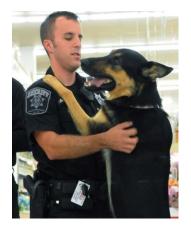
There is a \$60.00\* annual fee that will be collected after acceptance into the program. Additional funds may be required for educational excursions.

#### How can I join?

Please download the application found on the Office's website at www.co.berks.us/Dept/Sheriff. The deadline for receipt of application is December 31, 2023.



Kyle Pagerly, Badge #27, was a K-9 Deputy for the Berks County Sheriff's Office Warrants Division. He was killed in the line of duty while service a felony warrant with his K-9 partner Jynx on 6-29-2011. Deputy Pagerly was one of the key founders to the Berks County Law Enforcement Explorers Post.



"If you stopped yourself every time you said, 'I have to,' and changed it to, 'I get to,' it might change your entire experience." - Deputy Kyle Pagerly

Law Enforcement Career Exploring is open to all young men and women ages 14 - 20 years old who have an interest in learning more about careers in the field of Law Enforcement.

The primary goal of the program is to help young adults interested in law enforcement choose a career path within law enforcement and to challenge them to become responsible citizens of their communities and the nation. Post #027 provides educational training programs for young adults on the purposes, mission, and objectives in law enforcement. The program will provide career orientation experiences, leadership opportunities, and community service activities.

Post #027 Explorers will also learn about the educational requirements for a career in law enforcement and will receive tangible advice on steps that can be taken on how to prepare and position themselves for a successful career in the field of law enforcement.

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#### You will develop:

- Leadership and law enforcement related skills
- Respect for Law Enforcement Officers and fellow Explorers
- New personal skills
- Firearm safety awareness
- Law Enforcement protocols

#### You will have the opportunity to participate in:

- Tours of various law enforcement related agencies
- National events & competitions (when available)
- Community service

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- Explorers from across the USA
- Law Enforcement Officers
- Public and private agencies

#### Law Enforcement Career Exploring will provide:

- Improved self confidence
- Leadership experience and social network development
- Fun and exciting "hands on" career experiences
- Community service opportunities
- College and career readiness preparation
- Team building