## **Law Enforcement Proficiency Awards**

## BACKGROUND

With more than 3,000 Law Enforcement Explorer posts throughout the United States operated by local, state, and national law enforcement agencies, variances in training exists. In 1983, the concept of developing a nationally standardized recognition and proficiency award program was first initiated. As the program was developed, feedback was secured from Advisors, Explorers, and law enforcement administrators.

## PLAN

The Law Enforcement Exploring Proficiency Awards program provides an opportunity for posts and their Explorers to earn a series of recognition items that acknowledge their law enforcement Exploring experience. These recognize community service, crime prevention, law enforcement service, law enforcement training, firearms training, emergency preparedness, tenure, and Explorer of the Year.

Each proficiency area is intended to recognize experience, tenure, training, or leadership. These awards are intended to be worn on the law enforcement Explorer uniform only.



## 1. Law Enforcement Training

Recognizes the accumulation of 60 hours of training in the following areas:

History of law enforcement (1 hour)

The contemporary law enforcement role (2 hours)

The criminal justice system (2 hours)

Radio procedures (2 hours)

Basic patrol procedures (3 hours)

Report writing (4 hours)

Criminal law (6 hours)

Juvenile law (2 hours)

Traffic law (2 hours)

Procedures of investigation (6 hours)

Human relations (4 hours)

Crime prevention (8 hours)

Accident investigation (4 hours)

Crime scene investigation (4 hours)

Fingerprinting and classification (4 hours)

Narcotics and dangerous drugs (2 hours)

Arrest and search (4 hours)



#### 2. Community Service

Acknowledges 100 hours of community service, including crowd traffic control, parking service, community events, etc. Service must be preapproved and logged by the Advisor. The recognition is a blue and yellow commendation bar, No. 04019.



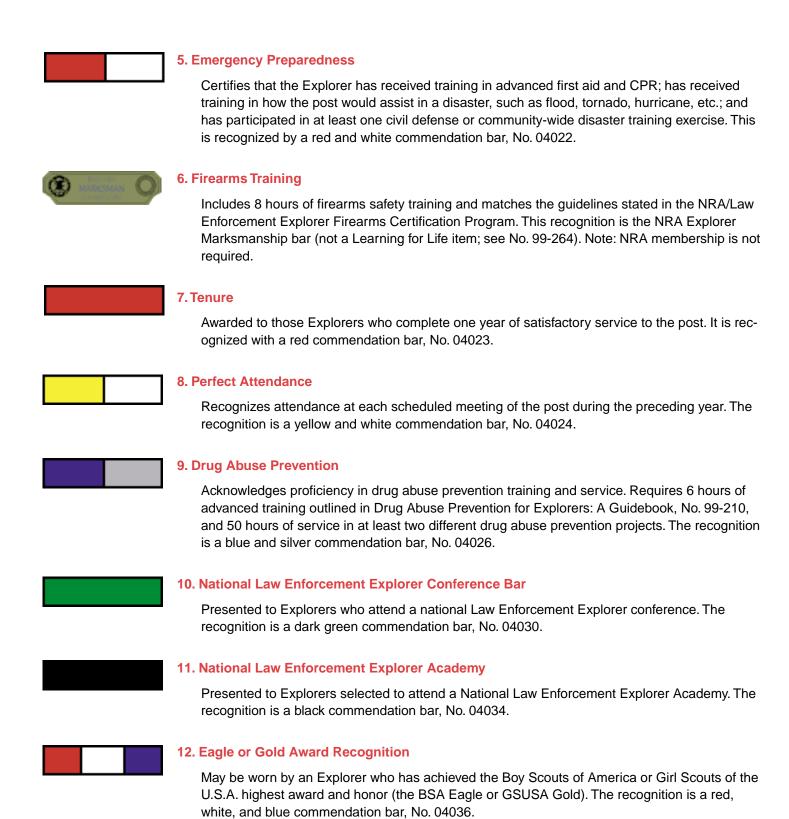
#### **Crime Prevention**

Includes the basic 8 hours of crime prevention instruction as well as an additional 8 hours of training in areas such as neighborhood watch, home security survey, and bicycle registration. The award is presented to Explorers who participate in at least three departmental crime prevention projects with a total of 25 hours of activity. The recognition is a green and gold commendation bar, No. 04020.



#### **Law Enforcement Service**

Includes assistance to the department in areas such as records, communications, data processing, etc. It recognizes an accumulation of 100 hours of service. The recognition is a red and gold commendation bar, No. 04021.



#### 13. Explorer of the Year

Each post will be encouraged to recognize one Explorer each year. This Explorer should be selected on the basis of dependability, attitude, attendance, and contributions to the post, department, and community. Explorers of the Year are obviously recognized for their outstanding performances and personal attributes. The recognition is a blue bar with a gold "E," No. 04025.

## RECOGNITION

Each award or recognition is represented by a police-type commendation ribbon that affixes to a metal holder bar. Research has determined that the items, colors, and contributions do not conflict with either police department or military/ROTC commendation bars. However, it also revealed that a small number of posts are not permitted to wear any type of medal, ribbon, or patch on their uniforms apart from their departmental patches. These posts, as well as those that want a more lasting recognition, can use the certificate of proficiency. It contains a space for signatures of the Advisor and department head. A wall chart is also available to use as a motivational and recognition tool (No. 33729A).

## DISTRIBUTION

The commendation bars, backing pins, and certificates are available through local Learning for Life service centers as well as through the National Distribution Center, toll-free phone 800-323-0732. The post Advisor assumes responsibility for Explorers meeting the proficiency award criteria. An Advisor may purchase a quantity of the items and distribute them as merited.

## COST

Retail cost of the commendation bars is  $75\phi$  each. The backs are available at  $70\phi$  for a single,  $75\phi$  for a double, and  $80\phi$  for a triple. The certificates are  $35\phi$  each, and the wall chart is \$1.65. Prices are subject to change.

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