



## Memorandum

**Memorandum No: 25-112**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*

**DATE:** July 10, 2025

**SUBJECT: Fort Lauderdale Police Department Explorer Program**

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The purpose of this memorandum is to inform the City Commission of the new Fort Lauderdale Police Department (FLPD) Explorer Program.

The FLPD Explorer Program is an officer advisor led program for youth ages 14-19 who are interested in a career in law enforcement. These young adults learn by getting hands-on training from active officers, gaining knowledge of what it takes to become a police officer.

The Explorers earn volunteer hours during City events and can travel and compete against other agencies by performing police-related scenarios. The Explorers just completed an abridged version of the Police Academy syllabus. There is a rank structure within the program, and they also learn chain of command and leadership skills that will translate to their future careers, whether that be in law enforcement or other professions.

All participants must maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.0 to remain in the program, and all FLPD's Explorers far exceed the minimum standards. As mentioned during the June 30, 2025, City Commission Conference Meeting, a total of 11 Explorers celebrated their graduation on Friday, June 27, 2025.

For any additional information, please contact Chief William Schultz at (954) 828-5590.

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