

Rapid City Police Department

Cadet Program

Karl Jegeris, Chief of Police

An Internationally Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



What Is Exploring?

This program is for young men and women between the ages of 15 and 21. Our purpose is to bring a leadership, teamwork, problem solving, and community building program to the youth of America. The Explorer Posts are organized by businesses, industries, governmental agencies, churches, schools, civic clubs, and community organizations. They provide adult volunteer leaders, program resources and meeting facilities. These posts specialize in a variety of career and recreational programs. They provide a service of social, citizenship, outdoor, career and fitness activities.

Career surveys conducted in high schools throughout the country demonstrate a significant level of student interest in law enforcement and criminal justice. As with many high-visibility careers, law enforcement is often viewed as a glamorous profession sometimes distorted by the mass media. Young people want hands-on experience, practical knowledge and usable career information. Exploring seeks to match interested youth with adults who will share their knowledge and skills.

What Do Cadets Do?

Rapid City Police Cadets participate in numerous functions to provide service, social, citizenship, outdoor, career and fitness activities.



The ride-along program is one of the more popular activities. Eligible cadets must be at least 15 and successfully complete the training provided by the Rapid City Police Department. While riding, cadets will learn police procedures and assist the Officers with their duties, including the use of the radio, directing traffic, and recording information. This program allows a hands-on exposure to law enforcement.

Cadet Benefits

A hands-on learning experience in law enforcement.

Personal and career development.

Citizenship and community involvement

Cadet Requirements

You must be between the ages of 15 and 21.

completed or currently enrolled in high school or enrolled in college courses.

You must be able to pass a routine background check. Convictions and/or adjudications for felonies are cause for disqualification.

You must be able to attend regularly scheduled meetings and events such as Movies Under the Stars. The Post meets at the Rapid City Police Department, 300 Kansas City Street, the first and third Wednesdays of each month. The meeting time is 6:00 P.M.

You must be willing to follow the rules and procedures of the Post and the Rapid City Police Department.

Cadets must be full-time students with at least a “2.0” grade point average.

Cadets

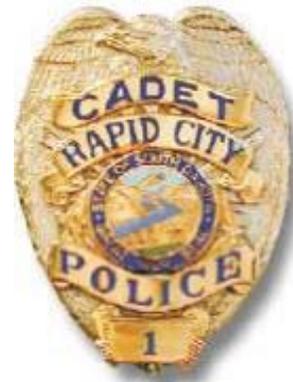


How to get involved



If you or your parents have further questions, please contact Lt. Scott Sitts at (605) 394-4133

Applications can be found on www.rapidcitypolice.org.



Exploring

If you're interested in the Explorer Program, complete the application form and return it to your school counselor or mail it to:

**The Rapid City Police Department
Attn: Cadet Program
300 Kansas City Street
Rapid City, SD 57701**





Rapid City Police Department Cadets

300 Kansas City Street Suite 200
Rapid City, South Dakota 57701-2890
(605) 394-4133



Chief of Police, Karl Jegeris

Cadet Commander, Lt. Scott Sitts

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Application for Enrollment Rapid City Police Cadets

PERSONAL

NAME: Last First M.I. Social Security #

Current Street Address City State Zip

Phone: _____
 Home Work Cell

The Cadet program is for young adults between the ages of 15 and 21 years of age.

Are you at least 15 years old and no older than 21 years old? Yes _____ No _____

If the position requires driving, do you have a valid driver's license? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please list your driver's license number. State: _____ Number: _____

EDUCATION / TRAINING

For entrance into the Cadet program and to maintain active status within the program you must have and maintain a 2.0 G.P.A.

School Name: _____

Current Grade: _____

Current G.P.A.: _____

Do you have a high school diploma or G.E.D. ? Yes_____ No_____

Circle highest year of education completed: 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

Please list any other training or skills that may be applicable to your consideration as a Cadet applicant.

References

All cadet applications must be submitted with a letter of reference from a parent/guardian and a letter of reference from a teacher or employer.

Other references:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMPLOYER: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMPLOYER: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMPLOYER: _____

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AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COMPLIANCE: The City of Rapid City fully subscribes to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and will attempt in the employment process to make any reasonable accommodations necessary to assist qualified persons with disabilities.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The City of Rapid City conducts background checks for all employees. If you are 18 years of age or older, or are under 18 but have been convicted of a crime in adult court, please complete this section.

OFFENSE	PLACE	DATE	DISPOSITION (sentence)
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AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

As a part of the City of Rapid City employment process, we may be checking your background relative to job and personal references, criminal record and social services record. In order to do that, we must have your authorization.

The undersigned hereby authorizes any state department of social services, police department, and the Rapid City Human Resources Department to obtain and or release any and all information regarding the social services, work, credit, DOT mandated drug and alcohol testing if applicable, or criminal history of the undersigned applicant for consideration for participation in the Rapid City Police Cadet program. The undersigned understands that misrepresentation or omission of facts called for in this application is cause for cancellation of the application and/or separation from the Cadet program.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE

Parent or Guardian Consent

We, the undersigned, represent that we are the legally appointed or natural guardians or parents of the above person, who is under the age of 18 years; that he/she has signed the foregoing documents with our full knowledge and consent; and that we join in the execution and agree to the same terms and provisions for ourselves and our heirs, executors, personal representatives and assigns.

Name: _____
(PRINT)

Signature: _____

Name: _____
(PRINT)

Signature: _____

Date: _____ DAY OF _____, 20____.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Release and Waiver of Liability

This Release and Waiver of Liability (“Release”) executed on the ___ day of _____, 20____ by _____ (“Cadet”) releases the City of Rapid City, a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the state of South Dakota (“City”) and each of its directors, officers, employees, agents and assigns.

1. I, the Cadet, assume all risk of personal injury, death, or property loss resulting from my participation in the Cadet program. I understand that my participation in the Cadet program may include activities that may be hazardous or inherently dangerous in nature. I hereby assume the risk of injury or harm from these activities and release City from all liability for injury, illness, death, or property damage resulting from or occurring while I am participating in the Cadet program.
2. I release and forever discharge and hold harmless City and its directors, officers, employees, agents, and assigns from any and all liability, claims, and demands of whatever nature, either in law or in equity, which may arise from my participation in the Cadet program. I understand and acknowledge that this Release discharges City from any liability or claim that I may have against City with respect to bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death, or property damage that may result from my participation in the Cadet program.
3. I agree to indemnify, defend and hold the City harmless against all liability, loss, damage, costs, and expenses including, but not limited to, costs of defense and reasonable attorney’s fees, which the City may hereafter suffer itself or pay to another party by reason of any claim, action, or right of action, at law or in equity, arising out of my participation in the Cadet program.

By signing below, I express my understanding and intent to enter into this Release and Waiver of Liability willingly and voluntarily.

Cadet Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature (if under 18)

Date