



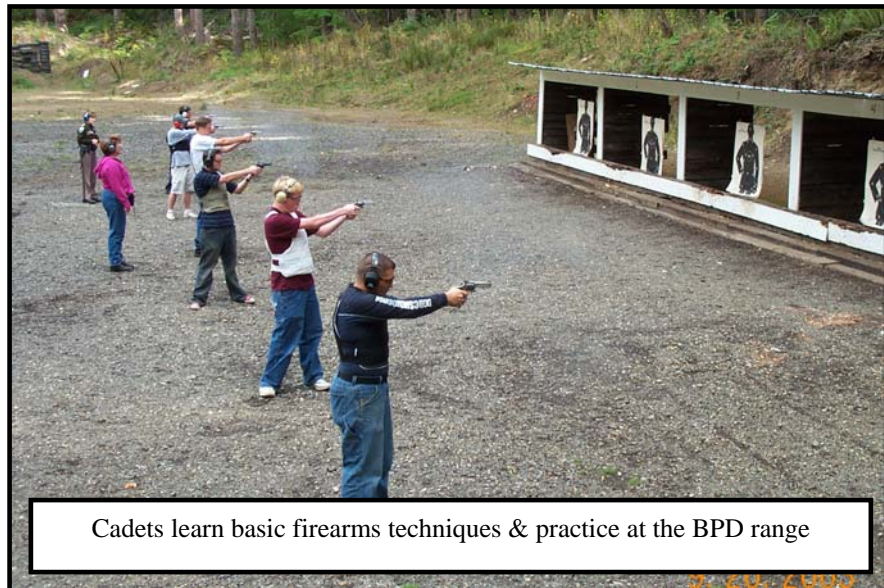
Kitsap County Sheriff's Cadets 2003 Yearly Report

The purpose of the Kitsap County Sheriff's Cadet Law Enforcement Program is to educate and involve youth in police operations and to interest them in possible law enforcement careers. The program is to provide the youth of Kitsap County an opportunity to observe, learn and participate in various law enforcement activities on a first-hand basis. The program is chartered through the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) in Washington State. Law Enforcement Explorers (Sheriff's Cadets) are males and females, aged 16-21 who have an interest in law enforcement careers.

The program is under control of the Chief of Patrol, Gary Simpson. Lt. Cam Mandeville oversees the program while Deputy Dave Green coordinates the program with the assistance of Detective Steve Duckworth and Deputies Sonya Matthews and Aaron Logdahl. Former Cadet, Emily Garner also assists by donating her time as a Peer Advisor to the Cadets. The coordination of this program would be overwhelming for one person without the assistance of these four Cadet Advisors.

There is a command structure within the Cadet program as well. We have one Cadet Captain and one Cadet Lieutenant who supervise three Cadet Sergeants. Each Cadet Sergeant supervises a squad of Cadets and Cadet Recruits (new Cadets who haven't passed their probationary period).

As of January 2003, there were 19 members involved in the program. Calendar year 2003 has seen a continual growth and we now have 24 members. Most of our members are very active in the numerous community events in which we participate. They also attend regular weekly meetings that involve administrative issues, training and team building.



Cadets learn basic firearms techniques & practice at the BPD range

The program strives to provide a broad base of knowledge in police operations while developing the leadership skills of each individual cadet. This year, we've provided training in traffic stops, defensive tactics, ethics, firearms safety, domestic violence, field interview, patrol procedures, building search, criminal law handcuffing techniques, interviewing techniques, CPR/first aid and collision investigation.

The Cadets participated in a number of service events during 2003, volunteering their own time to benefit the community. Over recent years, this has expanded beyond the boundaries of Kitsap County with the Cadets serving communities on the Key Peninsula in Pierce County. They also attended three explorer competitions that test the Cadets knowledge of police operations and procedures.

Cadets attended and competed in the 2003 Western Regional Explorer's conference in Seattle, the Apple Cup Challenge in Wenatchee and the Capital City Shoot in Olympia. During those competitions, our Cadets performed at the highest level and received a number of awards. They also returned with a greater knowledge of police functions and operations.



Cadets pose for a group photo while attending the Western Regional Exploring Conference in Seattle

The months of July, August and September are always the busiest for the Cadets. They spent many hours volunteering their time to assist with traffic direction, child identification and general security functions at the following events; Kingston Seafest, the Gig Harbor Arts Festival, the Port Gamble Arts Festival, Whaling Days, the Kitsap County Fair and Rodeo, March of Dimes Walk America, Crosby Chapel Silent Auction, Kids Day at the Fairgrounds, Central

Kitsap Fire & Rescue Bike Rodeo's, Lowe's Grand Opening Safety Fair, Washington State Square Dance Festival, Toy's R Us Car Seat Checks, DV Task Force Picnic and National Night Out.

Cadets show their awards from the Apple Cup Challenge in Wenatchee



Cadets attended two Explorer Academies sponsored by the Washington Law Enforcement Explorer Advisor's Association. Each academy is one week long and held at the Army's Yakima Training Center or Camp Murray, Fort Lewis. One is held during the month of August and the other in December. The Cadets also assisted throughout the year as actors in mock scenes

for the KCSO SWAT Team. The Cadets assisted the Washington State Liquor Control Board and RUaD (Reduce Under Age Drinking) with Liquor Compliance Checks and bar checks throughout the year.

In 2003, the Kitsap County Sheriff's Cadets volunteered a total of 3648.5 hours of their time to assist the citizens of Kitsap and Pierce Counties. Those hours include their training, ride along and community service hours. Those hours break down as follows; training/office 1831 hours, ride along 129.5 hours, community service 1688 hours.

The Cadets are currently fundraising to attend the 2004 Western Regional Explorer's Conference in Las Vegas, NV. The conference will be held in July and will test the Cadets in their police investigation skills through mock scene competitions. .

While the Cadet program is not funded through the Sheriff's Office budget directly, the office provides a vast amount of support for the coordination of the program. The office has provided new uniform shirts and vests in the past. The office also provides badges, nametags and other smaller uniform needs throughout the year. We also obtain used vests, uniform pants, jackets and leather/nylon gear for Cadets to wear from the office that are no longer used by deputies. We have four portable radios that the Cadets share at events and ride-alongs with deputies.

The program continues to have a positive impact on the youth that participate. Many of our former Sheriff's Cadets are current law enforcement officers in KCSO as well as others throughout the United States. The positive contact the Cadets have with citizens leaves those citizens with a positive image of the Sheriff's office and the police in general. It also has a lasting effect on these young adults that molds them into the leaders of tomorrow.

Further information about the Washington Law Enforcement Explorer Advisor's Association can be obtained at www.wleea.org.

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