

# PUBLIC SAFETY CADET

## Are you curious about law enforcement?

Becoming a Public Safety Cadet (PSC) allows young adults from ages 14-18 to discover what policing is really like. You get the chance to work directly with police officers, go on ride-alongs, receive police training, meet new friends, and help your community.

The program is part of the National Public Safety Cadets Organization and is sponsored by the St. Petersburg Police Department.


All activities are supervised by certified police officers. Becoming a Public Safety Cadet is for anyone interested in becoming a police officer, forensic technician, or police telecommunicator.

## JOIN US

Young adults, male and female, are encouraged to join. You must meet these criteria:

- ◆ Must be in school, completed the eighth grade, and be at least 14 years-of-age, but not older than 18 years-of-age.
- ◆ While enrolled in a high school, you must maintain a 2.0 GPA. (You must have a 2.5 GPA to participate in ride-alongs, firearms, honor guard, and bike teams).
- ◆ Pass a thorough background check.

*PSC uniforms and other privileges are earned after being a member in good standing for a minimum of four months.*



*“Preparing young adults for a career in law enforcement”*

## PROCESS

The meetings are held on Monday night, at the police department, 1301 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North. Meetings are from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM. At the first meeting, you will receive a program application.

You must attend four consecutive Monday night meetings. The program application must be completed and returned by the third meeting. At the fourth meeting, the you will have an oral interview with the unit and the Unit Leader. You will be notified of the results after the interview.

## INSIDE VIEW

Through the PSC Program, you'll have a hands-on, close-up chance to learn how the law works in your community. Many of the topics include traffic crashes, police report writing, laws (state & local), handling firearms, the dangers of drugs, and many more. All topics are taught by police officers.

You will have an opportunity to travel and make new friends with Cadets from other parts of the country while attending state and national conventions and competitions.

Parental approval is required, which includes signatures by the Cadet and his/her parents on a general liability release form.

Parents may be asked to help with the costs of boots, belts, travel and other items.



## MEETING INFORMATION

**St. Petersburg Police Department**  
1301 1st Avenue North  
St. Petersburg, FL 33705

Explorers meet every Monday from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, except city holidays.

*Note: Meeting dates and times change periodically due to ongoing events, training, or holidays. Please contact the Unit Leader for meeting information.*

## CONTACT US

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