

Police Explorers

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The Franklin Police are working to make a positive impact in the lives of young men and women in our community. The Franklin Police have partnered with the Boy Scouts of America to create a local Explorer Program, Troop 1820. The Program provides youth the opportunity to study the field of law enforcement and community service first hand.



Police ExplorersThe Explorer Program is a career development program, which emphasizes academic study, character development, and self-discipline. Explorers also assist police and city personnel at functions where they may be called upon for a variety of tasks.

Law Enforcement Exploring provides educational training programs for young adults on the purposes, mission, and objectives of law enforcement. The program provides career orientation experiences, leadership opportunities, and community service activities. The primary goals of the program are to help young adults choose a career path within law enforcement and to challenge them to become responsible citizens of their communities and the nation. Chief Todd Holder said, “We are so proud of our Explorers, they have become part of the Franklin Police family.” “Explorers sacrifice their free time to help others as well as the Officers they work with....what a great group of young men and women.”

There are currently four young men working with School Resource Officer Chris Jackson in the program. Jackson meets with the group two to three times a month. Jackson said, “In the program, we work on many things such as leadership skills, and learning to respect police and citizens in our community. We also discuss various police procedures and work with the young men on how to safely utilize police equipment. They are learning the techniques that police use in different situations every day.”

Law Enforcement Exploring is a worksite-based program for young men and women who have completed the eighth grade and are 14 years of age, or are 15 years of age but have not yet reached their 21st birthday. Anyone wanting more information about the program should contact Officer Chris Jackson at the Franklin Police at 586-7167.

City Asks for Help in Keeping Grass and Leaves Off Our Roadways

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Grass and leaves in the street is a growing and dangerous problem. City officials have received numerous complaints from motorists and homeowners of grass that has been blown or mowed into the street.

The Mayor of the City of Franklin, Ronnie Clark, is encouraging residents to keep grass clippings and leaves on their yards. The clippings not only provide a natural nutrient source for the yard but keeping the clippings off the roads is much safer for motorists.

When you mow your yard, please do not mow the grass clippings into the street or gutter. Grass clippings in the street are being washed down the storm sewers and will end up in our streams and rivers where they have the potential to cause algae blooms.

Grass clippings left on the lawn are beneficial to your lawn. Grass clippings are 85% water and 5% nitrogen. When left on the lawn, they return water and nutrients to the soil. Grass clippings can provide up to 30% of your fertilizer requirements.

Streets and roadways can become extremely slippery even in the summer and fall. When leaves and grass clippings accumulate on the roadway and become wet, they can get extremely slippery, making the driving conditions similar to driving on ice. Besides reducing the car's traction, causing skidding and the possibility of losing control of the vehicle, leaves and grass clippings often cover the painted road markings, making it difficult to know the locations of the lanes.

If you are driving and see grass or leaves in the roadway, you should slow down especially when driving around turns, allow yourself plenty of room to stop in an emergency, and keep a greater distance between you and the car in front of you.