

## **HS Students Learn What It Takes To Make It in Policing**

Innovative program allows students to give back

LONGMONT, CO. - - The Longmont Police Department is opening its door to area high school students interested in becoming police explorers.

An open house for the Longmont Police Explorer Post 67 is scheduled for September 20, 2006, from 6:30 pm until 9:00 pm at the Longmont Safety and Justice Center, 225 Kimbark Street. Events planned for students and their guardians will include an introduction to the Explorer program, a crime scene investigation exercise, obstacle course, a look at officer training, and a tour of the Safety and Justice Center. Refreshments will be provided.

The role of a police explorer at the Longmont Police Department is to gain practical experience in policing, engage in a program of activities, experience positive leadership from adult and youth leaders and be given opportunity to take on leadership roles. In return, the Explorer program offers young men and women, ages 15-20, the chance to experience police career opportunities. The program's emphasis is on student career opportunities, service learning, leadership experience, life skills, and character education.

The department is interested in students who have a history of giving back to the community, integrity, strong work ethic, good communication skills, as well as compassion and a commitment to the community. Interested students must complete an application; pass background investigation and drug testing. Students must have a 2.0 GPA.

For additional information, please call Officer Mark Cooper at 303.651.8512.