

**COUNTY OF HIDALGO**

**STATE OF TEXAS**

**Memorandum of Understanding between Hidalgo County, Hidalgo County Constable Pct.4  
and Learning for Life (Explorer Program)**

This **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** is made and entered into as of the \_\_\_\_ **day of**  
\_\_\_\_\_, **2022** and is by and between the Parties listed below for the **Learning for  
Life (Explorer Program)**.

**Parties**

**COUNTY:**

Hidalgo County Texas  
Hidalgo County Constable Pct.4  
2814 S. Bus, Hwy 281  
Edinburg, Texas 78539

**Learning for Life:**

Learning for Life  
Explore Participants  
6912 W. Expressway 83  
Harlingen, Texas 78551

**I. Purpose**

The purpose of this organization is to afford an opportunity for young adults in this community to observe, participate, and learn about law enforcement. The Explorer program enhances self-confidence, motivation, civic-mindedness, and cultivates strong leadership traits. These characteristics help Explorers prepare for a career in law enforcement and to become future leaders.

## **II. Mission Statement**

The Hidalgo County Constable Pct.4 Post#2021 Explorer Program is part of Learning for life. The mission of Learning for Life is to enable young people to become responsible individuals by teaching positive character traits, career development, leadership, and life skills so they can make ethical choices and achieve their full potential.

## **III. Benefits**

The Hidalgo County Constable Pct.4 Post#2021 Explorer Program provides the explore cadets with training and knowledge required for various law enforcement procedures and laws.

The Explorer Program will provide excellent references when applying for employment opportunities with law enforcement agencies and Criminal Justice programs.

The ride along program allows the Explorer to ride along and observe officers as they work in the field during a tour of duty. Explores learn firsthand what it is like to be a law enforcement officer.

Explorers compete at various Police Explorer competitions statewide and nationwide.

Some of the training covers:

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| -Rules of Regulations       | -Firearms Safety                   |
| -Police History             | -Report Writing                    |
| -Ethics & Moral Issues      | -CPR & First Aid                   |
| -TX Criminal Justice System | -Handcuffing and Arrest Procedures |
| -TX Code Crime              | -Patrol Procedures                 |
| -TX Motor Vehicle Code      | -Crowd and Traffic Control         |
| -Search and Seizure         | -Crime Scene Search                |
| -Use of Force               | -Radio Procedures                  |

### **A. Process for Selecting Explorers**

Applicants for the Explorer program must be between 18 and 20 years old, and must be enrolled in school, have a high school diploma, or GED. All applicants must complete an application in full, and submit to a background investigation. Misdemeanor charges and past drug/alcohol abuse may disqualify applicants. Felony charges and/or current alcohol/drug abuse will disqualify applicants. Applicants must also demonstrate a willingness to participate, learn, and exercise leadership skills. No perspective member shall be disqualified because of race, color, creed, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnic background, disability, or citizenship. Only a limited amount of spots are available, depending on the number of and availability of Advisors.

**B. Post Funds**

Post #2021 will maintain a fund dedicated to supporting all Post activities. Post Advisors and the appointed treasurer will monitor the funds. Funds will be primarily gathered through donations and fundraisers.

**C. Post Meetings**

Explorers are required to attend weekly/monthly training. This is extremely important as training is the cornerstone of the program and will enable the Explorer to engage in hands-on opportunities such as the ride-a-long program, shooting-range, and more. Vital program information and guidance pertinent to the Explorer will be distributed at these training classes.

**D. Insurance Policy and Liability**

Prior to participation in any hands-on training exercise, Explorers must complete, in full, their learning for life application and Insurance liability form. (See Insurance information for Learning for Life (LFL) and Exploring Participation form attached)

**E. Annual Memorandum of Understanding**

The annual Memorandum of Understanding (Form 800-737) shall remain in effect through the registration expiration of the post. Either organization may discontinue the program at any time upon written notice to the other organization.

**IV. Signatory**

Having agreed to the terms herein, the undersigned parties hereby represent and warrant that they are authorized to enter into and execute this Memorandum either as an official or a representative of the County or the Learning for Life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, County and Learning for Life have executed and delivered this Agreement as of the date \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Hidalgo County, Texas**

**Learning for Life**

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Honorable Richard F. Cortez \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

County Judge \_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

Approved by Commissioners Court on

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**  
Hidalgo County Office of District Attorney  
Ricardo Rodriguez, Jr.

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
By:  
Assistant District Attorney

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Arturo Guajardo Jr. County Clerk