

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT of MISSOURI
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

Cadet Patrol Committee

Mission: Young men and women who wish to have a career in law enforcement, to serve and protect their community, the State of Missouri and the United States of America.

Applicant Qualifications

1. Must be sponsored by a local American Legion Post. (Post may accept financial assistance from outside sources.)
2. Must be 16 through 18 years of age. (Must have reached the age of 16 by April 1)
3. Must have a 2.0 Grade Point Average (C) or higher. Home schooled applications must also have a 2.0 Grade Point Average (C) or higher.
4. Must be of good moral character, well groomed, military appearance.
5. Must have a valid driver's license.
6. Must be recommended by their local high school, school officials and local law enforcement.
7. Must be physically able to take part in a rigorous physical program.

Duties of the Cadet Patrol Committee

1. Meet at The State Convention to review present rules.
2. Recommend and discuss rules needed.
3. Communicate with District Commanders and promote the Cadet Patrol Program.
4. Relay any concerns within their District to the State Cadet Patrol Director.

Duties of District Commanders

1. Promote the Cadet Patrol Program.
2. Meet with Post to answer any questions.

3. Communicate with local law enforcement about the Cadet Patrol program.

Duties of the Cadet Patrol Chairperson

1. Field calls from school counselors, American Legion Districts, Law Enforcement Personnel, and parents
2. Review Applications and select candidates – eight (8) choices from the Missouri State Highway Patrol and two (2) per Legion District. Send out letters to each District Chairs listing the candidates who were selected.
3. Work with The American Legion Department Office with regards to uniforms and any other items needed.
4. Attend registration and daily activities for the program (6 am – 6 pm minimum)
 - a. Assist where needed.
 - b. Take pictures throughout the week.
 - c. Determine scholarship recipients
 - d. Make sure awards are ordered
 - e. Organize Thursday evening barbeque and determine the amount of guests and volunteers.
5. Attend the graduation ceremony, present awards.
6. Present report to The State Convention and ensure The Cadet Patrol Commander presents his report. Meet with Missouri Highway Patrol to establish dates for next year's program. Gather uniforms for next year's program.

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