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Media Release

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Re: Hernando County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post #409
Attends National Conference

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Explorer Post #409 attends National Conference

During the week of July 19 members of the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post #409 attended the 2010 National Law Enforcement Explorer Conference which was held at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, GA.

The Bi-annual conference consisted of Team Events, Individual Events, Law Enforcement Seminars and lots of other fun activities. Team events that Explorer Post #409 participated in were Hostage Negotiations, Bomb Threat Investigation, Traffic Accident Investigation, Shoot / Don't Shoot, Traffic Stops and White Collar Crime Investigation. Individual events were Police Bicycling, Written Test, Physical Agility Course, and CO 2 Pistol Shoot. Seminars attended were Protect Yourself, Self Defense; Fugitive Investigations; Gangs; Narcotics Trafficking and Interdiction; Leadership; Profiling Concepts; Protecting Our Nations Transportation System In A Post 9-11 Environment.

Additional activities included the Opening Ceremonies on Monday night; a trip to Stone Mountain Park on Tuesday night where we had a view of the area from atop Stone Mountain and saw the Laser Light show; Entertainment night on Wednesday starring the Celtic Rock group Needfire; a Law Enforcement Rally on Friday featuring demonstrations from various local state and federal agencies in K-9, SWAT, Motorcycle, Driving; wrapping up the week with an Awards and Closing Ceremony on Friday night. On Saturday, explorers also visited the Robbins Air force Base Museum of Aviation on the journey home.

Explorers from Explorer Post #409 proudly represented the Hernando County Sheriff's Office receiving numerous complements on uniforms, team spirit, and professionalism during events and activities. Explorer Post Team C received a certificate for placing in the top 10 percent of the competing teams in the White Collar Crime event. Their score sheet showed a perfect score, 110 out of 110 points and the event was decided by the time that the team took to complete the event!

Representing the Hernando County Sheriff's Office were the following:

Team "A" - Explorer Sergeant Edwin Leyva, Explorer Lieutenant Benjamin Witherell, Explorer David Peters, Explorer Alicia Vizcarrondo;

Team "B" - Explorer Sergeant Jacob Peters, Explorer Roberto Lopez, Explorer Sierra Wynn-York, Explorer Aimee Pacchiarotti;

Team "C" - Explorer Sergeant Anthony Pacchiarotti, Explorer Jamie Smeriglio, Explorer Cassie Roberts-Conard, Explorer Brent Culpepper;

Advisors - PSA Allison Gibiser, Deputy Steve Klapka, and Deputy Robert Pacchiarotti.

Conference Facts:

Over 2700 Participants;

Almost 2000 Explorers Present, 70% male, 30% female;

Ages 14 to 21

254 Explorer Posts from 37 states and Puerto Rico

For more information about the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Explorer Program, contact Deputy Robert Pacchiarotti at (352) 754-6830, or email advisor@explorerpost409.com.

