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County Explorer Cadets rank high in competition

Port Orchard, Wash. -- Traveling to Federal Way last month to compete against their peers in general law enforcement patrol procedures, a handful of Sheriff's Explorer Cadets returned home with individual honors and a third place (overall) ranking, during "Federal Way Challenge 2005."

Twelve cadets of Law Enforcement Explorer Post #9514, under the auspices of the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office, went up against the best from more than 25 explorer posts from police and sheriff's agencies throughout the state in the day-long competition. The competition, held at Todd Beamer High School, was the sixth annual challenge sponsored by the City of Federal Way Department of Public Safety.

Grouped as two-person teams, the cadets were tested on basic knowledge and the practical ability to conduct: field interviews, assault investigations, building searches, unknown risk and high risk traffic stops, crime scene investigations, collision investigations, drafting traffic infraction reports, theft / shoplifting investigations and law enforcement response to a hazardous material incident.

Each event was timed and graded for accuracy, thoroughness and knowledge of applicable laws or procedures.

Team Awards:

Collision Investigation

First place: Cadet Capt. Brandon Myers and Cadet Sgt. Matt Borer
Second place: Cadet Lt. Luke Walno and Cadet Sgt. Erica Stewart

Theft Investigation

First place: Cadet Capt. Brandon Myers and Cadet Sgt. Matt Borer

Traffic Stop with Hazardous Material Scenario (meth lab inside vehicle)

First place: Cadet Capt. Brandon Myers and Cadet Sgt. Matt Borer

Women's Physical Agility Test

Third place: Cadet Stephanie Nabors

Best Overall Team Score

Cadet Capt. Brandon Myers and Cadet Sgt. Matt Borer

Best Explorer Post Score (averages of all team scores from each competing agency)

Third place (overall): Kitsap County Sheriff's Explorer Cadets

"I am very proud of these young men and women," remarked Sheriff Steve Boyer. "They exhibit tremendous character... a direct result of the Scouting program. The outcome of this competition indicates a high degree of proficiency, which can only stem from training and practice. They are great youth role models."

The Sheriff's Office Explorer Cadet Program is chartered through the Boy Scouts of America and is designed for young men and women who are interested in law enforcement as a possible career, community service and recreational programs. Many cadets go on to become both full-time and reserve law enforcement officers.

Cadets attend weekly meetings and participate in training activities and team-building exercises. They engage in competitions with cadets from other agencies and assist patrol deputies on the road.

The KCSO cadet program continually accepts applications from interested young people. Minimum requirements: A resident of Kitsap County; able to read, write and speak the English language; ages 16 – 21; have no felony convictions and undergo a background check. Applications may be obtained at the Port Orchard, Silverdale or Kingston Sheriff's Offices.

For further information, contact Deputy Dave Green at (360) 337-7101 or e-mail at dgreen@co.kitsap.wa.us.

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Sheriff's Cadet Explorers at Federal Way Challenge 2005 last month.

Back row, left to right:

Cadet Sgt. Zach Wolfe, Cadet Lt. Luke Walno, Cadet Devin Ayala, Cadet Brad Ossman, Cadet Devon Moyer-Stratton, Cadet Travis Joyce and Cadet Daniel Fahrnkoph.

Front row, left to right:

Cadet Sgt. Matt Borer, Cadet Capt. Brandon Myers, Cadet Stephanie Nabors, Cadet Sgt. Erica Stewart and Cadet Nicole Selby.

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