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Explorer Post places at National Conference

The Warren Police Department's Law Enforcement Explorer Post joined more than 2000 Explorers from across the United States at the 19th Biennial National Law Enforcement Explorer Conference, July 14—19 at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. This year marks the 55th anniversary of the Law Enforcement Exploring movement which began in Orange County, California in 1959. Since then, hundreds of thousands of young American men and women aged 14-20 interested in the field of law enforcement have participated in Law Enforcement Exploring.

The post was led by Sergeant Brandon Deppen, Ephrata Police Officer Daniel Albaugh and Cheryl Cumberland. The group consisted of 14 explorers which raised over \$14,000.00 to attend the conference through fundraising efforts and generous donations from numerous local supporters.

The conference featured competitions sponsored by the nation's top law enforcement organizations, providing realistic and practical experience to prepare Explorers for the types of situations they would have to face in law enforcement careers.

The post competed in 8 of 12 possible events which included Arrest and Search, Bomb Threat Response, Judgment Pistol Shooting, Traffic Accident Investigation, Traffic Stops, Crime Prevention, Domestic Crisis Intervention and Officer Down—Emergency Field First Aid. The teams competed against 84 teams in each event. The team is randomly selected to participate in two of the 12 situational events. The team consisting of Post Chief Tiffany Dyke, Assistant Chief Brandon Hinton, Sgt. Derek Hanlin and Bryce Cummings placed 4th in the Traffic Stop event. The team consisting of Lieutenant Alyssa Cumberland, Sgt. Derick Nowacki, Sgt. Amy Strain, and Devon Wertz placed 4th in Crime Prevention and a top 10% in the Officer Down – Emergency First Aid events.

Members of the post also competed in several individual events including the emergency vehicles operations course with a team consisting of Tiffany Dyke, Alyssa Cumberland, Derek Hanlin and Jacob Nugent. Bryan Johnson and Ryan McGuinness competed in the bike policing event and Devon Wertz competed in the police physical performance test. Brandon Hinton, Devon Wertz and Bryce Cummings participated in the .40 caliber pistol shooting competition.

All members of the post also attended seminars including Post Blast Investigation / Bomber Behavioral Analysis; Crime Fighters Without Guns: The Art and Science of Forensic Investigations; Cyber Crime: Emphasis on Cyber Bullying; Mail Fraud; Protect Yourself: Self-Defense Techniques; U.S. Secret Service: Protection and Investigation; Radical Right Domestic Extremist Groups; Fugitive Investigations; Leadership; Narcotics Trafficking and Interdiction; and the Quad Copter Demonstration.

High-ranking officials from the U.S. Secret Service, Indiana State Police, the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Bloomington Indiana Police Department, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Marshals Service, U.S. Park Police, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and other government law enforcement organizations took part in the conference.

For further information on the Warren Police Explorers visit www.cityofwarrenpa.gov/explorer or contact Sgt. Brandon Deppen, Community Service Officer at (814) 723-2700.



(Pictured from left to right): Lt. Alyssa Cumberland, Chief Tiffany Dyke, Assistant Chief Brandon Hinton, (row 2) Sgt. Amy Strain, Sgt. Derek Hanlin, Sgt. Derick Nowacki, (row 3) Bryan Johnson, Ryan McGuinness, Bryce Cummings, Zach Nugent , (row 4) Gabe Hinton, Devon Wertz, Jacob Nugent, and Lucas Rizzardi



The post members from Team A, which included Sgt. Derek Hanlin, Assistant Chief Brandon Hinton, Chief Tiffany Dyke and Bryce Cummings placed 4th in the Traffic Stop event.



The post members from Team B, which included Devon Wertz, Lieutenant Alyssa Cumberland, Sgt. Amy Strain and Sgt. Derick Nowacki after placing 4th in Crime Prevention and a top 10% for Officer Down-Emergency Field First Aid.