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SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND NEPTUNE HIGH SCHOOL PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH NOTABLE OPPORTUNITY

Neptune: Sheriff Shaun Golden is pleased to be partnering with Neptune High School in an innovative program aimed at fostering future law enforcement personnel. Through this combined partnership between the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office and the Neptune High School Jump Start Law/Criminal Justice Program comes the creation of the Monmouth Council Explorer Post # 1. The charter was presented by the Monmouth Council, Boy Scouts of America at Neptune High School on March 12.

"This inspiring partnership can help provide high school students with an opportunity to learn more about careers in law enforcement, and, to develop into potential law enforcement leaders of the 21st century," said Sheriff Shaun Golden, who is also the Chairman of the Exploring Committee for the Monmouth Council, Boy Scouts of America. "Partnerships often yield positive results and I'm grateful that through this initiative we can assist these young adults with planning for the future."

Explorer Post #1 provides students with an overview of law enforcement and hands on training programs. It consists of five adult supervisors and 16 youths from the Jump Start Law/Criminal Justice Program.

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"This concept grew out of previous partnerships with the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, which have always been a great success," said David Mooij, Superintendent of Neptune Township School District. "The program will help guide the students toward choosing a career path in law enforcement and challenge them to become better individuals."

The Explorer Post #1 began in December and meets once a month. Since its inception the students have been trained in police ethics, the role of the public information officer in law enforcement and crime scene forensics. Next month, a hands on forensics crime scene will be demonstrated, and, this summer the students will participate in Sheriff Youth Week, which provides high school aged students a unique opportunity to explore interests in law enforcement through police academy style training, exercise programs and instructional sessions.

"These students are being provided with leadership opportunities as they explore a career in law enforcement," said Richard Allen, Principal Neptune High School. "That would not be possible without the diligent work and commitment of those involved from the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office and Neptune High School."

Chris Quakenbush and Lee Marconi of the Monmouth Council, Boy Scouts of America assisted in the formal charter approval for Explorer Post # 1.

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