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Anna Police Department establishes new Explorer Post *Young adults from 14 to 21 are eligible to join*

ANNA (October 18, 2017) Young persons interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement now have an opportunity to gain a unique, first-hand perspective into that career field by becoming part of the new Law Enforcement Explorer Post in Anna.

Sponsored by the Anna Police Department, the new post is affiliated with the Boy Scout of America organization but encourages both males and females to enroll in the program.

“We’ve begun the program to provide young adults with a personal, inside view of the criminal justice system through training, practical experiences, competition and other activities,” says Police Chief Kenny Jenks. “The Explorer Program promotes personal growth through character development, respect for the rule of law, physical fitness, good citizenship and patriotism, all traits that serve a law enforcement professional extremely well.”

Young adults from 14 to 21 years of age are eligible to join. A personal interview conducted by adult sponsors and a brief background check complete the enrollment process. The training, lectures and other learning activities are overseen and conducted by Anna Police Officers and other professionals in law enforcement or related fields.

Anna Police Officer Josh DeVore has been instrumental in establishing the post and is serving as principal advisor to the group.

Chief Jenks says the post will soon begin looking at participating in the various law enforcement-based competitions presented at the local, regional, state and national levels. The competitions present various real-life scenarios to teams composed of post members. The teams must then use the training and preparation they’ve undergone to resolve the scenario.

Part of the preparation can include fund-raising activities to cover the costs of travel and entry fees.

“The competitions are important because they provide opportunities for Explorers to see that police work is serious business,” said the Chief. “The participants also get to interact with other law enforcement Explorers from the area and beyond.”

The Anna Law Enforcement Explorer Post #8200 is currently composed of seven Explorers and seven adult advisors. Interested individuals between 14 and 21 years of age should call 972-924-2848 or contact Sgt Josh DeVore at jdevore@annatexas.gov.

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ABOUT ANNA – The City of Anna is a fast-growing community located in northern Collin County. Anna’s population is approximately 13,000 residents occupying over 4,000 households. This emerging and vibrant city offers its residents an excellent quality of life and low cost of living. With much of the City’s land still undeveloped, and the population expanding annually, the community is becoming an attractive location for retail and commercial establishments. The City’s ready workforce is skilled, well-educated, and comparatively young. Residents enjoy recreational opportunities, parks, trails, open spaces, easy access to the DFW and Red River corridors, and a pace of living that matches both a relaxed hometown and an emergent community.