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LPPD's Youth Explorers place high at State skills event for 2nd year



LPPD Officer Roger Gonzales with Explorer Group

During the weekend of October 18th, La Porte PD's Youth Explorer post participated in the 6th annual Alamo Area Law Enforcement Explorer Competition (AALEEC). In all, 91 Explorer teams from across Texas and New Mexico competed, with a total of seven La Porte Explorers participating under the guidance of sworn Learning for Life advisors, LPPD's Officer R. Gonzalez and Officer Chris Paige.

The contest consisted of 14 overall scenarios where each Explorer team was assigned six randomly chosen scenarios in which to compete. Scenarios faced by La Porte's members included the following events: Academic Challenge, Arrest-Search-Seizure, Building Search, Crime Scene Search, Felony Stop, and Missing Persons.

In the end, La Porte Explorers took third place in the Academic Challenge assessment portion. This being just the third year in which La Porte's Explorer Post competed, the third place finish in the Academic Challenge was recognized as an important success for the program and one of the highlights of the entire competition.

The most recent success of the La Porte Explorer group is quite encouraging, as the TLEEAA organization represents a thriving association which provides guidance, support, training, and competitive events for Law Enforcement Explorer Posts and Advisors throughout the entire State of Texas. Due to their level of personal and team dedication, LP Explorer successes are expected to expand even further. La Porte PD's youth Explorers train every week and occasionally attend weekend classes to hone their skills in law enforcement activities. "La Porte's Explorers have risen to the challenge yet again. They remain driven and dedicated to the program, while also maintaining an interest in improving our City. We have lots of fun and the friendships are strong and easy to see", Officer Gonzalez.

The Explorers Program is available for youth ages 14 to 20, with its primary mission to educate teens who are interested Law Enforcement. La Porte Police Department's Support Services Police Area Representatives (P.A.R. Officers) sponsor the group and provide training in a vast array of topics including: The History of Policing, Crime Scene Investigation, Traffic Enforcement Procedures,



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S.W.A.T. (Special Weapons and Tactics) Activities, Criminal Investigation Techniques, Firearms Safety, and much more.

There is no cost for participating in the Explorer program. Explorers may also participate in the Patrol Ride-Along Program upon obtaining permission from their legal guardians. The Police Department encourages interested youth to contact the agency's program coordinator, Officer Roger Gonzalez, at 281-842-3183 for more information regarding enrollment into the youth Explorer Program.