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In July, Burleson Police Explorer's Post #4911 won second place in the Intoxicated Driver event at a multi-day competition for police explorers at the University of Texas at Arlington campus. In October, the explorers hope to compete again at the Alamo Area Police Explorer competition, where they won first place in the Domestic Violence scenario in 2013.

Two teams of four explorers from the Burleson post engaged in life-like law enforcement scenarios July 10-12 at UTA. The students were expected to investigate, interview parties, collect evidence, and resolve situations (sometimes by arrest).

Post #4911 was one of more than 90 teams from law enforcement agencies statewide. The Burleson post competed in several events and brought home that 2nd place trophy which they won for the way they handled a mock traffic stop - interviewing the "intoxicated driver," conducting Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, and taking the offender into custody safely. The Explorer teams included Cody Marzahn, Grace Twilley, Colby Smith, Renee Rinefort, Peyton Haddock, Blair Roy, Jaime Ayala, Mary Studebaker, Tanner Bates and Brad Dye.

Since July, the Burleson explorers have been trained in the use of CPR and an AED (automated external defibrillator).

The Explorer Post raised more than \$3,500 to attend the UTA competition by hosting a spaghetti dinner and garnering generous donations from local businesses and organizations. The students are currently raising funds to attend the Alamo Area Police Explorer competition in October. For information on how to sponsor or donate to the Police Explorers program contact Sgt. Darin Pool ([dpool@burlesontx.com](mailto:dpool@burlesontx.com)) or Officer Chaz Garrett ([cgarrett@burlesontx.com](mailto:cgarrett@burlesontx.com)). To learn more about the program, go to the Explorers page on the City website at [www.burlesontx.com/policeexplorers](http://www.burlesontx.com/policeexplorers).