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They were a triple threat. Members of the Burleson Police Explorer Post #4911 were up to the challenge Oct. 25 when they snagged three first place trophies in the Alamo Area Law Enforcement Explorer Competition.

Two teams of four Explorers from Burleson competed against approximately 60 teams and brought home first place in Traffic Stops (misdemeanor), Traffic Stops (felony) and Academic Challenge. The winning Explorers include Colby Smith, Brad Dye, Jaime Ayala, Peyton Haddock, Tanner Bates, Grace Twilley, Mary Studebaker and Blair Roy.

The all-day competition took place in Somerset. The other categories included hostage/crisis negotiation, crime scene search, bomb threat response, arrest search and seizure, accident investigation, building search, domestic disturbance, and robbery in progress.

The two teams plus three advisors – Sgt. D. Pool, Detective C. Garrett, and Officer S. Henken – attended the Oct. 25 competition.

This is not the first time that the Burleson Police Explorers have excelled. In July, the group won second place in the Intoxicated Driver event at a multi-day competition for police explorers at the University of Texas at Arlington campus. They competed against more than 90 teams from law enforcement agencies statewide. The same group, including Explorers Cody Marzahn and Renee Rinefort, that competed in Somerset on Oct. 25 and won three first place trophies competed in July at UTA.

“I am very proud of each and every member of the Explorer Post,” Sgt. Pool said. “They never cease to amaze me with their dedication and professionalism. I expect great things from all of them!”

The Law Enforcement Explorer program provides educational training focused on the purposes, mission, and objectives of law enforcement as well as career orientation experiences, leadership opportunities, and community service activities. The primary goals are to help young adults choose a career path within law enforcement and to challenge them to become responsible citizens of their communities.

Explorers must be at least 14 years of age and have completed the eighth grade. All participants must maintain passing school grades in all classes and have a true desire and the ability to seek employment in law enforcement as a future career.