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The Burleson Police Explorers did it again!

Two teams from Burleson Police Explorer Post #4911 brought home seven awards from the McKinney ISD Invitation Explorer Competition on March 21. Burleson's two teams of four competed in a field of 12 teams made up of criminal justice students and police explorers from McKinney Boyd High School, McKinney High School, Singley Academy (Irving), Irving Police Department and Dallas Police Department.

Teams competed in law enforcement scenarios based on real life situations. Burleson's explorers included Colby Smith, Brad Dye, Tanner Bates, Cody Marzahn, Katalin Hernandez, Mary Studebaker, Grace Twilley and Peyton Haddock.

Burleson won first place for the Intoxicated Driver scenario; first and second place for the Crash Investigation scenario (Team 1 and Team 2); second place for Felony Traffic Stops, Domestic Crisis, and Crisis Negotiations; and third place in the Misdemeanor Traffic Stop.

There were eight different events, including active shooter, felony traffic stop, misdemeanor traffic stop, intoxicated driver, domestic crisis intervention, traffic accident investigation, robbery in progress and crisis negotiation. Each explorer team competed in four of the events. Physical agility course was an individual event.

Overall, Burleson came in second, with seven awards. McKinney Boyd won 11.

In October 2014, Burleson Police Explorers snagged three first place trophies in the Alamo Area Law Enforcement Explorer Competition. Two teams of four Explorers competed against approximately 60 teams and brought home first place in Traffic Stops (misdemeanor), Traffic Stops (felony) and Academic Challenge. The winning Explorers included Colby Smith, Brad Dye, Jaime Ayala, Peyton Haddock, Tanner Bates, Grace Twilley, Mary Studebaker and Blair Roy.

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.

Burleson Police advisors are Officer Brandon Glass, Det. Chaz Garrett, and Officer Shelly Henken. Sgt. Darin Pool oversees the post.

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.