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From: Sergeant Michael D. Shaw

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Re: Junior Police Academy

From July 12th through July 16th, the Webster Police Department held its third Junior Police Academy. During this week 13 individuals, aged from 13 to 17 years old, attended a week long mini police academy. During this week they covered various topics such as criminal and constitutional law, forensic science, defensive tactics, as well as attended physical training sessions, had hands on experience with equipment utilized by the Central Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (CEMLEC) SWAT team, took a trip to Dudley District court where they spoke with the Judge Perez and Judge Snider as well as observed arraignments, and a Police K9 demonstration by the Webster Police K9 Red, and his handler Officer Aaron Suss.

The week culminated with the students partnering up and going on mock "calls" with both officers and civilians acting as role players. Some of the role players were past graduates of the academy who came back to help out.

Upon completion of the week long academy, the students now have the opportunity to ride along with officers from the Webster Police Department during their tour of duty. Many of the students come back for more than one ride along, and several volunteer for other events in town such as National Night Out and Winter Wonderland.

Officers that participated in the academy are Sergeant Michael Shaw, Officers Steven Cacciapouti, Patrick Perry, James Young Jr. Joshua Collins, Aaron Suss, Sergeant Joseph Brooks, and Dispatcher/Reserve Officer Bruce Hamm.

