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Mukilteo, WA: Mukilteo Police Foundation launches new program, "Cooking with Cops"

On December 5th, 2020, the Mukilteo Police Foundation will hold their second "Cooking with Cops" event where Mukilteo Police Officers cook with youth in the Mukilteo community with the goal of creating positive interactions and mentorship opportunities.

The Mukilteo Police Foundation held their first Cooking with Cops event on October 24th, 2020 where Sergeant Colt Davis and Park Ranger Ryan Fox made Oreo Stuffed Rice Krispy Treats with 7 students from Harbour Pointe Middle School via Zoom. The Foundation supplied and delivered all of the ingredients to the participants on the day of the event and the Church of Jesus Christ of Ladder Day Saints, 11001 Harbour Pointe Boulevard, provided their kitchen for Officers to use and film in.

The Cooking with Cops program is part of the Mukilteo Police Activities League that the Foundation started at the end of 2019. Sergeant Davis said, "The Mukilteo Police Activities League (PALs) was created as a way to build positive relationships between police officers and youth through community-based programs and recreational opportunities. PALs believe that it can help mentor youth by empowering them to make responsible life choices, foster teamwork, enforce citizenship and provide opportunities to work with law enforcement officers and caring adult mentors."

Due to COVID-19 the Mukilteo Police Activities League had to get creative and so "Cooking with Cops" was established. The first event was a trial run to see how things would go and if there would be any interest from the community. Members of the Foundation met with staff at Harbour Pointe Middle School and offered the "Cooking with Cops" program to the Life Skills 8th grade class. Seven students participated and the event was a huge success.

Our Cooking with Cops event on December 5^{th} will have a holiday theme as we will be making gingerbread houses. The gingerbread houses will be supplied by the Foundation.

If you are interested in participating in our Cooking with Cops event, please register by sending an email to Sergeant Colt Davis at cdavis@mukilteowa.gov. The event will be limited to 15 students at this time. Additional Cooking with Cops events are being planned for 2021.

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