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Mukilteo Youth Police Academy Begins

(MUKILTEO, WA) On July 10, 2017, seventeen teens from the Mukilteo community will attend the city's first Mukilteo Youth Police Academy. They will report to Kamiak High School daily for one week. There, they will receive teen skill building presentations while being introduced to public safety operations. Classes will include the do's and do not's of teen dating and safe driving, as well as an employment workshop. These teens will also have the opportunity to be exposed to public safety career fields through practical application and interaction with public safety professionals who perform these duties everyday. Highlights of the public safety presentations include a K-9 demonstration, first aid and fire safety presentations, a SWAT team presentation, and a crime scene investigations exercise.

"I'm so pleased that young people in our community will have this unique opportunity to explore careers in public safety while learning valuable safety tips and life skills," said Mayor Jennifer Gregerson. "This is our very first Mukilteo Youth Police Academy and reflects the City's commitment to building stronger links between our Police Department and the community we serve."

Chief Cheol Kang said, "Too many times teens' first contact with law enforcement is the result of criminality or police responding to a complaint involving teens. Unfortunately, this creates an early negative perception of law enforcement and can make it difficult to build positive relationships later. The Mukilteo Youth Police Academy is designed to provide an environment that will promote early positive interactions with our young residents that will benefit them as they ascend into adulthood."

The Mukilteo Youth Police Academy will be conducted for one week and will end on July 14, 2017, with a graduation at Mukilteo City Hall, dinner, and Certificates of Completion being presented by Mayor Jennifer Gregerson and Chief of Police Cheol Kang.

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