St. Pete Police Explorer Post 980 Wins State Competition

SPPD Explorers named 2014 Champions, placing 1st overall in the Florida Association of Police Explorers State Competition in Crystal River, against 28 other teams.

The team was scored in several simulated police situations such as:

- Traffic dispatch involving an officer down. They worked off the actual radio transmission recording from a real call (Trooper Coats Nov. 20 1992 South Carolina) used in training.
- Active Shooting at a Mall simulated inside the Citrus County Mall
- Human Trafficking situation involving minor girls

There are VIDEO CLIPS and photos available of the Explorers in action at the competition and during their training:

Click here for the video You Tube Link: http://youtu.be/_mD5brMoNP8

Click here for the Facebook Photo Album Link: https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10152482098892770.1073741868.295810427769&type=1

The competition team included:

Ryan Kovacsev (son of Acting Chief Kovacsev), Prestin Kremer, Carol Ngo, Victoria Rutenbeck, Kali Stokes, Jake Yancey, and Nickolas Yeager (son of SPPD Emergency Communications Div. Mgr.).

They placed in the following events:

1st Traffic Stop
1st In progress Crime
2nd in First Aid
2nd Active Shooter
2nd Tie Breaker Event
3rd Honor Guard

The Explorers are teens, ages 14-19, who have the chance to work directly with police officers, go on ride-alongs, receive police training, and help out the community. The program is part of the Boy Scouts of America-Learning for Life and sponsored by SPPD. ttp://www.stpete.org/police/isb/explorers.html

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