



Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplaincy

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2016

Local Children Attend Junior Law Enforcement Academy at Hamilton County Fairgrounds

On Friday, June 17th, 117 local children ages 4-18 attended the Chaplain Tom Burton Hamilton County Junior Law Enforcement Academy at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds. This Academy was started in 2007 by the late Senior Chaplain of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplaincy. It is a one-day program that highlights law enforcement activities and applies the Word of God to the law enforcement experience. The children are put into groups according to their age and each group has a law enforcement leader and a spiritual leader. The 2016 Academy focused on "Building Blocks" with emphasis on helping Cadets make better life choices. Each Cadet visited five stations with their groups which gave them



lessons on building a strong spirit, building a strong body, building strong relationships, building strong minds, and building strong eating habits. The children gathered key words from each station, such as faith, listen, trust, health, and others. They discussed these ideas in their groups with each other and their leaders. After lunch, each group created presentations based on what they learned and presented them to the whole Academy near the end of the day. Current Senior Chaplain Mark Fidler commented, "It was a blessing seeing how the children put what they learned into a presentation for their peers and to see how they were able to apply what they had learned."



The day also included a demonstration on crowd control from the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team (SERT). Afterwards, Sgt. Joel Stubblefield and the rest of the Team spent time with the Cadets answering questions. Another highlight included a ride for each Cadet in a police car with the lights flashing and sirens blaring (at slow speeds though). This is a crowd favorite that the Cadets look forward to each year.

The Academy is in its tenth year and has grown in popularity. Chaplain Fidler said, "We will be considering expanding the camp in 2017 if we can find enough additional volunteers to help us staff the event."

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The Chaplaincy is a 501(c)3 charity supported by several local churches and individuals.

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Junior Law Enforcement Academy Thanks Its Sponsors

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplaincy offers this Academy to children free of charge and we have several sponsors whose donations ensure that we can do this. We want to thank the Chik-fil-A of Westfield for providing chicken nuggets and chicken sandwiches to all our Academy children and volunteers. They brought along their cow mascots to interact with the Cadets. Thanks also go to Jim Dandy Restaurant and Ginger's Café for providing breakfast for the Academy. Others contributing to the event were



Kroger, Lowe's Home Improvement, Meijer, Sam's Club, Hamilton County Fraternal Order of Police, Noblesville Fraternal Order of



Police, and Sons of the American Legion. T&T Sales and Promotions helped us with the

colored t-shirts that were provided for each age group. We are deeply grateful for the 79 volunteers who helped make this such a successful Academy. Thank you all!

2016 Calendar

Mandatory Jail Volunteer Training – January 11, June 6, August 15, and October 24 at the Christ Community Church of Hamilton County, 772 N. 10th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm – Volunteers are required to be trained once annually.

Hamilton County Fair – July 21-25 – The Chaplaincy will have a booth in the Law Enforcement Tent. Please visit us.

Sheriff's Chaplaincy Conference – October 10-11

Mission Statement

The mission of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplaincy is to serve public safety personnel, those who work or reside in public safety facilities, as well as all residents of Hamilton County. Our mission is to serve as a supportive group of qualified ministers and counselors, assisting in matters of personal, marriage, job, spiritual as needed, and to be available to assist during times of emergency.