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Junior Police Academy Cadets Learn the Dangers of Drinking and Driving

Wylie, TX, July 07, 2010 – Ten Wylie students learned about the dangers of drinking and driving from Wylie Police Officers during Wylie’s second Junior Police Academy, June 14 - 18. Participating students were recognized during a graduation ceremony on June 19.

The students had an opportunity to wear Fatal Vision goggles and perform the standardized field sobriety test; drive Gators while wearing the goggles to simulate driving under the influence; watch the video “Shattered Dreams”, a presentation by Texas Alcohol Beverage Control; and receive educational items provided through a grant from TxDOT.

“We hope the students walked away with one valuable lesson,” said Officer Angie Willis, Academy Coordinator. “Drinking and driving do not mix.”

In addition to learning about the dangers of drinking and driving, the students got a first-hand look at situations officers face while on the job, including, building searches, traffic stops, criminal investigations, defensive tactics, and hostage negotiations. Each morning of the academy began with physical training simulating a day at the police academy.

Students in 7th and 8th grade applied for the academy during the school year. The application process included an essay on why they wanted to join and a recommendation letter from a teacher.

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Citizens interested in sending their child to the 2011 Junior Police Academy scheduled for next summer should contact Officer Willis at 972-429-3248, or email angie.willis@wylieisd.net.



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