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REDFORD POLICE EXPLORER TAKES TOP RIFLE AT STATE EXPLORER ACADEMY

Redford, Mich (July 23, 2013) – Redford Police Explorer Post #345 sent 4 Explorers to the Michigan Law Enforcement Youth Training Academy (MLEYTA) at Fort Custer in Battle Creek this June. The Police Explorers are young men and women between the ages of 14 and 20 who have an interest in a career in law enforcement.

At the MLEYTA, Explorers participate in a boot camp style academy, where they learn military discipline, law enforcement tactics, leadership skills, and attend exciting police demonstrations, including presentations by Mounted Units, SWAT Teams, and K-9 Units. Explorers also are given firearms instruction, and experienced Explorers are given the opportunity to complete a qualification course and compete for top honors with both a handgun and an AR-15 rifle.

Of the 4 Redford Explorers attending the academy, 3 were eligible for the qualification course. Tyler McDonald, Simon Hill, and Kevin Taylor all completed their qualifications, shooting at the “Expert” level, and Taylor tying for 3rd place in the Top Gun Competition. Next up was the Top Rifle Competition. For the first time in MLEYTA history, 2 Explorers from the same Post competed in the final stage against each other. McDonald beat out Taylor by a close margin to take the Top Rifle Honor!

The Redford Police Explorers also participate in a yearly competition sponsored by the Michigan Law Enforcement Youth Advisory Council in April, called the Governor’s Cup. Their experiences at the academy help prepare the Explorers for the Governor’s Cup, as well as weekly meetings throughout the year. In Redford, the Explorers assist the Police Department and other organizations at parades, festivals, and special events.

If you, or your child, are interested in a career in law enforcement and would like to apply for the Redford Explorers, please contact Officer Jennifer Mansfield at jmansfield2@redfordpd.org.