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MAYOR HORNIK PRAISES MARLBORO POLICE EXPLORERS Ouick Action Leads to Rescue

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY (August 10, 2017) —Marlboro Police Explorers were assigned to the Middlesex County Fair on August 10. Explorer Chief Dennis Stack, aged 20 and a Class 2 Officer in Bradley Beach, Explorer Marc Singer, aged 14, and Explorer Nicholas Bilinski, age 14, were on line for food during a break when a cook behind the stand fell to the ground and started seizing. Explorer Chief Stack began first aid procedures while Explorers Singer and Bilinski retrieved the first aid supplies, turned off the propane tank, and directed the East Brunswick Police and EMS to the incident location.

Mayor Hornik stated, "The Police Explorers can be seen at every Township event directing traffic and assisting residents. They are young men and women that give back to their community in a very meaningful way. These young men were not only in the right place at the right time, but they were trained, knew what to do, and stepped in without hesitation." He continued, "I want to thank Sgt. Andrew Goldberg and Patrolman Callen Figarola, Post Advisors and Lt. Stephen Levy, Post Administrator who spend many hours with the Explorers at trainings and events. I am grateful for their dedication and commitment."

Ptlm. Figarola said, "While others were on their phone filming, the Explorers did what needed to be done. Marlboro Police Explorer Post is requested throughout the County for events and to assist the local Police in times of need. For this event, the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps, based out of Naval Weapons Station Earle in Colts Neck, reached out to request our Explorer Post's assistance with directing traffic and parking cars at the Middlesex County Fair." He added, "In this instance, their presence may have saved a life."

Marlboro Police Explorers train throughout the year. On July 27, eleven (11) Marlboro Explorers graduated from the NJ State Law Enforcement Explorer Academy, held for one week on the grounds of Georgian Court University. Marlboro Explorer Post received the second greatest number of awards in the state.

The award recipients are:

- 1st Place Physical Training (Males): Steven Russo
- 1st Place Physical Training (Females): Mya Cherbini
- 3rd Place Academic Achievement: Mya Cherbini
- 1st Place Leadership Award: Steven Russo (First time in Academy history the award was given to a first year recruit)
- 3rd Place Leadership Award: Mya Cherbini
- 1st Place Burglary in Progress: Zack Sperling and Derek Ball
- 2nd Place Burglary in Progress: Dylan Ely and Noah Price
- 2nd Place Narcotics Investigation: Dylan Ely and Noah Price
- 3rd Place Motor Vehicle Stops: Zack Sperling and Derek Ball
- 3rd Place Arrest Search & Seizure: Zack Sperling and Derek Ball

Mayor Hornik stated, "When you next see the Marlboro Police Explorers at an event, it would mean a lot if you let them know that their service is appreciated. They are role models and commendable citizens. It is my hope that their career path leads them to Marlboro as Police Officers."

The Marlboro Police Explorers are volunteers. There are currently 37 members in the Post. Two additional members will be joining this month marking the highest number of explorers since its inception in 1982. The Explorers range in age from 14 to 21 with an average age of 16. For more about the Police Explorer Post email Lt. Levy at slevy@marlboropd.org

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