

News Release from the Madison Civics Club

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DCDSA Explorer Post 2125 Receives \$1,000 Community Service Grant from the Madison Civics Club

MADISON—Dane County Deputy Sheriff's Association (DCDSA) Explorer Post 2125 has received a \$1,000 youth-group community service grant from the Madison Civics Club. The grant will be used to fund training for Exploring posts throughout the Dane County area in police-based skills, including traffic stops, disturbance resolutions and securing crime scenes.

Since the formation of Post 2125 in March 2005, the Dane County Deputy Sheriff's Association and the Dane County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) have offered hands-on training in law enforcement to young men and women ages 14 through 21 with the hope that members will consider a career with the DCSO. Members of the post are trained in police-based skills and volunteer their time on a regular basis at dozens of events such as the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Memorial, Special Olympics and many more.

Deputies Richard Bennett and Heidi Gardner of Dane County Sheriff's Office are the post's advisors. Chelsey Straubhaar of Marshall, a former lieutenant of the post, is an associate advisor. The 17 members of Post 2125 are:

Will Becker, 17, Madison	Lieutenant Tiffany Dunn, 21, Sun Prairie
Kristin Flugum, 20, Madison	Jake Frankland, 14, Waunakee
Captain Luke Geiger, 21, Sun Prairie	Amber Gilles, 17, Waunakee
Zach Henderson, 18, Sun Prairie	Will Hewuse, 16, DeForest
Sergeant Alex Kamps, 17, DeForest	Sergeant Kyle Keller, 18, Waunakee
Max Lange, 15, DeForest	Joseph Miggins, 18, Sun Prairie
Sergeant Eric Miller, 19, Madison	Jacob Nellis, 14, Waunakee
Mike Perry, 16, Waunakee	Mike Wagner, 18, Sun Prairie
Hailey Whitewater, 18, Madison	

Explorer Post 2125 was recognized for its contributions and accepted the grant at the Madison Civic Club's Sept. 17 meeting at which U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano spoke on "The Role We All Play: Homeland Security in the 10 Years Since 9/11."

The Madison Civics Club awards community service grants of up to \$1,000 dollars, depending on the scope of the project, to youth groups in conjunction with each of its four yearly meetings. The deadline for the second round of grants is Sept. 29 for the Oct. 29 lunch meeting featuring Gwen Ifill, moderator for the Public Broadcasting Service's "Washington Week." To learn how to apply for a Madison Civics Club youth grant and about the upcoming meeting, visit www.madisoncivicsclub.org.

In recent years the Madison Civics Club youth grant program has been made possible by Alliant Energy, American Family Insurance, Channel3000, Group Health Cooperative, Madison Gas & Electric Co., Summit Credit Union and the contributing and sustaining members of the Madison Civics Club.

For more information about Explorer Post 2125, which is chartered through Learning for Life, visit http://www.dcdsa.com/?page_id=11. For more information about Learning for Life programs, visit <http://exploring.learningforlife.org/>.

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