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Police Give Youth an Alternative to Crime

July 14- 20, 2008, Orange Police Department hosts its 2nd Annual Junior Public Safety Academy in Cedar Grove.

The event which is open to all residents of Orange between the ages of 12 and 15. Approximately 21 youth have registered to attend this week long program.

Mayor Eldridge Hawkins stated: “In an effort to reach our youth and give them alternatives to crime, my administration and the police department maintain a “***two prong approach***” to fighting crime. Making arrests is critically important, but it is equally important to help our youth before they get in trouble with the law. That is why we are continuing this very fine program under the leadership of Director Rappaport and Capitan Sooy.”

“The curriculum exposes the participants to various types of law enforcement and public safety careers,” indicated Captain Kevin Sooy. “Individuals are trained in first aid, personal safety, community crime prevention and the 911 emergency systems. Guest speakers will enrich the program. In addition, field visits to the Essex County Crime Lab and New Jersey State Police Headquarters, museum and Homeland Security Division will enhance the curriculum”, continued Sooy.

The program is held in partnership with the Essex County College Police Academy. All activities are held at the Essex County College Police Academy located in Cedar Grove, New Jersey. On Friday, July 18, 2008 a graduation ceremony will take place for the participants wherein elected officials and the public are invited and encouraged to attend.