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PAL'S EXPLORERS OFFICER PATTI MORGAN IN HER OWN WORDS

Police Explorers Post #486 consists of approximately eighteen active youths, ranging in age from fourteen to twenty-one.



Officer Patti Morgan

They participate in a variety of community oriented events throughout the year, that include child safety days at local schools and health care facilities.



The Explorers provide fingerprinting and McGruff, the crime dog appearances for small children. They work all home football games at Draa Field, helping the Police Department with traffic control and safety supervision.

The Color Guard unit has provided services on Flag Day, Astronaut Memorial, Boy Scout functions, and police funerals.

When not working within the community, the Explorers train in Law Enforcement related activities in preparation for the Annual Law Enforcement Explorer State Competition held in June.

In 2004, our Post placed twenty-fourth out of thirty-four teams overall, and brought home a second place trophy in the Color Guard Event. This was a remarkable improvement over their 2003 competition standings.

The training our Explorers received from the late Sgt. Lucy Ross, Crime Scene Investigator for the Sheriff's Office, helped our Post come in eleventh place in the Crime Scene Event.

For the past two years, the Post has returned home from competition in June. Two weeks later, thirteen Explorers attended the Central Florida Law Enforcement Explorer Academy in Sanford.

For two weeks, the Explorers are housed, fed and trained in areas of physical fitness, drill, teamwork, self-esteem along with attending classes on defense tactics, firearms training, traffic stops, surveillance, death investigations, and all other areas of Law Enforcement. Once again, the Explorers brought home six of the seventeen trophies given out at their Academy Graduation.



The Explorers travel every four months to Delegate's Training weekends held all over the state. Our current Interim Chief, Capt. Ashley Tuggle, was recently named the Florida Association of Police Explorers Vice President for the Central East Region. Our Post will soon be hosting a delegate's weekend for Florida

Exploring Posts in April 2005.

Since I took over the Post in November 2002, I have watched the Post grow to as many as twenty-three Explorers from only eight, and drop back down to eighteen.

Kids grow up, interests change, homework and personal attractions all play a part in kids decisions to stay or go. Capt. Ashley Tuggle (17) and Lt. Lesley Morgan (17) have been Explorers since they turned fourteen years old.

They have the drive to succeed and are committed to the success of the Post.



**L-R Lesley Morgan, Ashley Tuggle
Ctr. Patty Morgan,
David Bieck, Patrick Willey**

Both of them intend to retire at the age of twenty-one and Ashley intends to join the Police Academy and become a sworn law enforcement officer.

Lesley plans to graduate college with an Emergency Medical Services degree and either work for Arnold Palmer Hospital or join the Coast Guard's Search and Rescue unit.

I have helped two former chiefs retire. Mark Sypien, who joined at age fourteen and retired at age twenty-one. He has since graduated from the Police Academy, is a Titusville Police Community

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service officer and will be sworn in as an officer this month. David Bieck, who graduated from Titusville High School, retired this year from the Explorers and is now in Military Police School with the US Air Force.

I became involved with the Explorers as an Assistant Advisor in June 2001 while working as the School Resource Officer at Madison Middle School. I love working with kids and hope that in some small way I can make a difference in their lives. In the past two years, the Post has won over 20 trophies, which include State competition.

The Explorers have a six member pistol team, six member Color Guard unit, six member competition team, and thirteen members in three separate phases of the Explorer Academy.

The Explorers are a part of Titusville PAL and we are all very proud of them all.



TITUSVILLE, FLORIDA

NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP

Titusville PAL is working now with another US city, to do a youth exchange program. If all goes well, 2005 is the target date. The idea of a youth exchange program was talked about for the last five years by Titusville PAL President Alan Loud, and Commander Mel Williams of the Titusville Police Department. With new Police Chief Tony Bollinger and Executive Director Chuck Price now on board, they said “let’s do it now”.

Chairperson Nancy Evans (sales manager of the Best Western in Titusville) and a committee of eight, are now doing the ground work. Contact has been made with New Bedford, a city in Massachusetts. The New Bedford Prevention Partnership has a Police Explorer unit as we do. The plan is to send eight Titusville PAL young adults between the ages of twelve and fourteen, to New Bedford for five days. In turn, New Bedford will send eight young adults to Titusville.

Titusville is a Historic City. New Bedford was the Whaling capitol of the world in the late 1800s until the turn of the century. The kids will be taken to historic sites, both here and there. The educational experience will be rewarding and it will also a life-time dream for those selected. They would never get the chance to travel otherwise. More information will be available as this program is formulated and up in running very shortly.

PAL SOCCER SIGN-UP



January 2005 is Soccer sign-up time. John Jones who has been the program director for the past few years, will direct the program again.

Last year under the leadership of John, we had well over two-hundred youth in the program. Soccer 2004 was one of the best years PAL has had with this program. The teams received many awards. Pass the word, January 2005 is soccer sign up time.

MILLER ANNUAL GIFT GRAB

The annual Miller Gift Grab for PAL youth will be held Saturday, December 11, 2004 at Wal-Mart in Titusville. The Miller family again with their generosity along with Wal-Mart make it possible. We at PAL, will help make Christmas 2004 one to remember.

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Cheryl Edmonds — YDC
Officer Patti Morgan — Police Explorers
TBD — Enrichment Center**

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POLICEMAN'S BALL 2004 A GREAT SUCCESS



Carol Bollinger (L)
&
Glenna Barousse (R)

The Policeman's Ball this year was a huge success and the committee has a lot to be proud of. This years event was co-chaired by Carol Bollinger, Glenna Barousse, and committee members Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Price, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Barry, Mr. & Mrs. Don Cook, Denise Fitzgerald, and Alan Loud. The dollars generated by this important event will go a long way to fund programs for the great PAL Programs for our Titusville youth.

The committee is so very grateful to the many sponsors who made this event possible, without their support, we could not be able to continue the programs for our youth. Two Scholarships were awarded for \$1,000.00 each, to Lamar Myers and Tiffany Owens, who were in PAL programs and now in their first year of Collage. Lamar and Tiffany are both graduates from Titusville schools.

Thanks to the Chief Carl T. Newland and Sergeant Anthony Lee Miller Memorial Trusts, make the Scholarships possible.

Titusville PAL Kids thanks everyone.

TITUSVILLE PAL FAMILY PHOTO'S



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MEMBER OF YDC CHASITY LEEK REPORTS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS



At each PAL Directors meeting held once a month, the program Directors are asked to make a report to the Board, of their activities for the previous month. On August 31, 2004, our YDC program Director Cheryl Edmonds, brought a young lady with her named Chasity Leek, who is a member of the YDC program. Mrs. Edmonds told the Board, instead of her making her report, Chasity would report for her.

Chasity wrote up the report herself and read it to the board. We thought we would share her report with you, for we all thought it was well done. We are all proud of the work that Mrs. Edmonds has done with the YDC program, and with Chasity for presenting her report to us all. **Another success story in her own words.**

Good Evening. My name is Chasity Leek. I am sixteen years old and I attend Astronaut High School. I represented Titusville PAL at the 1st Annual National Youth Leadership Conference on July 18th through the 21st in Orlando, Florida, along with James Edmonds and Mrs. Cheryl Edmonds. During the conference we attended sessions in which we learned a variety of different subjects. The Theme of the Conference was learning how to use our PMA - "Positive Mental Attitude."

The first session we attended was the Icebreakers. Icebreakers are games that are played to help everyone get to know one another. During one of the activities, we had to find someone in the room who was physically different (hair, race, height, sex, etc). Once we identified what was different between us, we were given five minutes to talk with that person, and come up with a list that we have in common. We all found out the we have more in common than differences and that with PAL, we all have the same morals and ideals, which is leadership and service. It taught us that by using our PMA, we should never judge anyone by his or her outward appearances.

The next session we attended was very informative. The National YLC gave everyone a history lesson on what PAL

and YLC is, and also shares what some of the morals of each organization was. We learned that Lt. Flynn established PAL in 1914, in New York City. He was a police officer who wanted to have something or somewhere for gang members or other kids who had nothing to do. So, he formed baseball teams to keep kids off the streets. We learned that the purpose of PAL is to provide bondage between Police and kids. It's also about sports, leadership, and serving the community.

YLC, the Youth Leadership Council and YDC, Youth Directors Council are basically the same thing. Their purpose is to motivate youth in the community and to teach leadership as well as to serve. We then learned what leadership is and what it takes to become a leader. We identified the definition of Leadership, which is to "lead or guide a group by initiative and incentive." We were taught to lead by example and also that the PAL Youth League should be leaders of all youth in the community.

The next session we attended was lead by Mr. Milton Creagh also known as "Big Milt." He spoke to both Parents and kids about teenagers and jobs. He told us the America and the world looks at teens as spoiled, lazy, and unwilling to work. He also told us that Managers refuse to hire us. He explained how managements

go oversees and bring kids in from other countries to work for them. And also how they would rather hire the elderly and mentally handicapped before they would hire teens because those are the people that know how to work and have good work etiquette. He then told us that we needed to change our image which is maturity, responsibility, accountability, dependability, and of course, "PMA."

We then attended a workshop about bullying. There are three sides to bullying: the victim, the person who bullies the victim, and the onlooker. We learned that the onlooker is just as bad as the person who bullies the victim by not stepping in. And as PAL Leaders, we should always step in bullying situations.

Overall, the Conference was extremely fun. We met other people from PAL groups all over the nation. It taught us how to maintain our PMA- Positive Mental Attitude in all situations and how to better ourselves as leaders. Thank you for the opportunity to go!

Excellent report Chasity!



TEE TIME WITH PAL

Titusville PAL's youth golf program is up and running! The program began it's 2004-2005 season in October, with twenty participants. The youth golf participants practice every Saturday, concentrating on basic skills.

Program Director Reggie Belle stated, that the main goal is to teach the participants balance and respect in life. He spends a great deal of time at the beginning of the program, teaching participants respect and golf etiquette. This is a lesson that is repeated throughout the course of the entire program.

Golf is played at the Great Outdoors in Titusville and they also plan a trip to the Golf Museum in St. Augustine.

Coach Belle is currently seeking ways to increase participation with competition against other PAL golf teams. A great program with a great coach. Contact the PAL office at 321-268-8771 for more information.





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