

Explorer Conference is Success

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The Annual Midwest Law Enforcement Explorer Conference was held this year at Breezy Point, MN on April 24, 25 and 26, 1981.

Exploring is the teen-age career oriented program of the Boy Scouts of America and is open to both young men and women. The participants in the conference are all members of law enforcement agency sponsored Explorer Posts and spent the week-end looking at various aspects of their possible careers.

The conference is sponsored jointly by the Viking Council, BSA and the explorer posts of the police departments of Bloomington, St. Louis Park, Minnetonka, Mound, Fridley and Brooklyn Park.

The first official event was a pistol match on Friday afternoon run by the St. Louis Park Police Post. Park officers Phil Stuemke and Jim Jezierski who have been active in handling these matches for many years were again responsible for hosting an enjoyable and well run tournament for 120 explorers. The various post advisors have done an excellent job in teaching firearms use and safety as evidenced by the winning scores.

AGGREGATE

Match Winner - JON VOGEL, Mankato PD	264-4x
2. RUSTY FOSTER, Bloomington PD	245-2x
3. DALE AMLEE, St. Louis Park PD	239-1x
4. LISA DAVIS, Bloomington PD	238-3x
5. ERIC NESS, Wisc. State Patrol	237

SLOW FIRE

1. GUS MOULAS, Elm Grove, Wisc. PD	91-2x
2. LINDA MILLER, Cedar Rapids, Iowa PD	88
3. TERRY NIGHTENGALE, Minnetonka PD	86-2x

TIMED FIRE

1. GREG HULST, Brooklyn Park PD	75-1x
2. ALAN MELLEEN, Minnetonka PD	72
3. MIKE WENZ, Minnetonka PD	72

RAPID FIRE

1. JIM GRAY, Brooklyn Park PD	71
2. KEVIN STRAND, Fridley PD	71
3. DEBBIE HULST, Brooklyn Park PD	65

TEAM

1. Bloomington Post - Team No. 1	934-7x
2. St. Louis Park Post - Team No. 1	847-4x
3. Bloomington Post - Team No. 2	825-7x
4. Mankato Post - Team No. 1	813-5x
5. Wisc. State Patrol Post - Team No. 1	803

Trophies donated by the Suburban Law Enforcement Association were awarded to all of the winners at the Saturday night banquet. Phil Stuemke and Jim Jezierski were also honored with an appreciation plaque for their many years of volunteer work on this program.

The conference theme "Working Together to Prevent Crime" was highlighted in the Saturday sessions covering crime scene search, crime prevention, hostage negotiation, felony car stops, testifying and defensive driving.

Explorers worked as teams within their posts to complete a test following each session. Henry Wroblewski of Normandale Community College coordinated the testing and evaluation of posts.

Competition and knowledge were just two of the reasons for the keen competition between posts. Scholarships provided by the Suburban Law Enforcement Association were awarded to the following posts in the proficiency examinations.

- 1st Place - Bloomington Police Dept. Post
- 2nd Place - Fridley Police Dept. Post
- 3rd Place - Wisc. State Patrol Post
- 4th Place - Maplewood Police Dept. Post
- 5th Place - Wright Co. Sheriff's Dept. Post
- 6th Place - 3-way tie - Ramsey Co. Sheriff's Dept. Post, Mound Police Dept. Post, Brooklyn Park Police Dept. Post

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Members of the Ramsey Co. Sheriff's Post working on their proficiency exam to qualify for scholarship awards.



Left to right - John Reeser, Director of Exploring, Viking Council, Don Peterson, Law Enforcement Exploring Committee Chairman, Hank Wroblewski, Director of Law Enforcement for Normandale Community College, receiving an award plaque for his work with the Conference and Off. Don Clough, Bloomington Police Dept., Exploring Committee member and also the recipient of an appreciation plaque.