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Explorers Attend Conference

Last weekend, our Explorer post attended the 2022 Law Enforcement Explorer Conference in Rochester. Six of the Explorers participated in competitive scenarios, and were judged against Explorers from around the state. The scenarios covered a variety of topics, such as first aid, domestic assault, crime scene searching, traffic stops and crash investigation. The Explorers placed 2nd in Crime Scene and 4th place in Street Decisions.

The Explorers also attended several academic sessions to build on their skills, and attended the awards banquet.

Explorers attending included **Jason Shuda, Yahye Noor, Darryn Miner, Billy Dopp, Gabby Granada and Aaliyah Trigueros.**

They were accompanied by advisors **Officer Tyler Wilson** and **Reserve Officer Chloe Robinson.**



Retirement

Thursday afternoon we said farewell to Officer Tony Kuchinka. Several co-workers, other law enforcement officers, citizens and family members came to wish Tony well in retirement.



“A politician will do anything to keep his job, even become a patriot.”

William Randolph Hearst

Born April 29, 1863

Questions?

Comments?

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Now Hiring

We are currently posting for **Police Officer** positions. If you, or anyone you know, is excited about working in an exciting environment in a supportive community, we encourage you to apply. The posting is open until filled.

We are also accepting applications for a **Records Specialist**. This is a full-time civilian



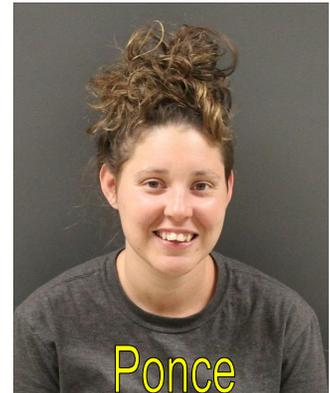
position, performing a variety of clerical and customer service duties to help support our officers. The application deadline is May 12th.

Those interested can find more information and an application on the City of Faribault website under “Administration” and then “Human Resources”.

DWI Arrest

On Tuesday, April 16th, **Officers DJ Skluzacek, Jeff Burbank and Kara Christensen** responded to a reported disturbance. The caller reported the suspect, Cynthia Ponce, 32, had been trying to fight but just left the scene. As he was approaching the scene, Ofc. Skluzacek saw Ponce’s vehicle driving in the opposite direction. As he turned to follow her, he noted that her vehicle sped up and turned a corner quickly. Despite having his lights and siren on, Ponce continued in an attempt to evade him. After turning several times,

Ponce stopped in a driveway and exited. Ofc. Skluzacek noted two juveniles also got out of the car. In speaking with Ponce, Ofc. Skluzacek noted several signs of intoxication. Ponce refused to take any field sobriety tests. When Ofc. Skluzacek was preparing a PBT, Ponce grabbed a bottle of hot sauce and began drinking it. She was arrested. At the jail, Ponce refused to submit to a breath test. Ponce was jailed and charged with Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle, 2nd degree DWI, DWI Test Refusal, and Child Endan-



germent. She was released on her own recognizance by the court.

Crash Tips

As another TZD enforcement wave wraps up, we want to keep a focus on safe driving throughout the year. Besides enforcement of traffic laws, part of helping make roads safer includes education. Here are some tips from the Department of Public Safety regarding crashes.

Unfortunately, crashes occur every day in Minnesota. It’s important to know what to do if you are involved in one:

- get to a safe place
- if your car isn’t driveable, stay inside and move to the passenger’s side, creating more room between you and traffic
- **Put your seatbelt on**
- Once you’re safe, call 911

Once it is safe to do so, it is important that you take photos of the damage and the crash scene. If the crash resulted in personal injury, death, or property damage totaling \$1,000 or more, you must file a report with the Department of Public

Safety within 10 days. To complete the report, you will need detailed information about the drivers, vehicles and crash scene.

The best way to deal with a crash is to make sure it never happens in the first place. So be sure to put away distractions when you drive, find a sober ride if you’ve been drinking, drive at safe speeds and always wear your seat belt.