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## Perris Police Explorers Earn Praise



Perris Mayor Daryl Busch reads a proclamation in support of Perris Explorer Post 522 during the August 30 City Council meeting.

Perris Police Explorers took front and center stage at the August 30 City Council meeting as the youthful volunteers were honored for their civic pride, support for law enforcement and "outstanding commitment to excellence" while representing the community.

Perris Mayor Daryl Busch presented Certificates of Recognition and Certificates of Appreciation to Explorers from Post 522, which is based at Perris Police Headquarters across the street from City Hall. In the last year, Explorers from the post have dedicated more than 3,000 hours of community service to the City.

Explorers volunteer at law enforcement checkpoints, parades and events like National Night Out and the annual community Health Fair.

Busch praised Post 522 members for their recent success at a national competition of Explorers from around the country. Contestants took part in a series of police-training scenarios and snagged a pair of second-place finishes during the Las Vegas competition.

"Thank you for success, thank you for representing Perris and thank you for your outstanding commitment to excellence," Busch said. "We're very proud of you."



Perris Explorer Karla Sotelo holds her Certificate of Recognition she received August 30. With her are Post Advisors Roger Owen and Ernie Dominguez and Perris Mayor Daryl Busch.

Post 522 Explorers were accompanied by the advisors, Police Officers Ernie Dominguez and Roger Owen. The Perris Explorers number 22 cadets and the advisors said they hope to increase participation to between 35 and 40 members.

Explorer cadets must be 14 to 20 years old, maintain a 2.0-grade point average, be well groomed and of good moral character. Some cadets pursue law enforcement careers but others join to bolster their self-esteem and discipline while providing a necessary public good.

Dominguez said he and Owen were pleased and proud Post 522 earned kudos from the City.

"Our Explorers work hard and care about their duties and the City of Perris," Dominguez said. "We are most grateful for tonight's recognition from the City of Perris."

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