



Alamance County Board of Commissioners

INFORMATION ITEM AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: 9/16/2024

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DEPT: County Clerk's Office

AGENDA TITLE: Recognition of the 2024 Junior Police Academy Graduates

TO: Alamance County Board of Commissioners

ISSUE/ACTION REQUESTED:

Recognition of the 2024 Junior Police Academy (JPA) Graduates.

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF REQUEST:

The Burlington Police Department Junior Police Academy (JPA) is a collaborative effort between the Burlington Police Department, Graham Police Department, Mebane Police Department, Alamance County Sheriff's Office, and Alamance Burlington School System (ABSS). Its mission is to provide middle school-aged students with social skills that help them become productive students and members of our community.

Cadets are chosen by law enforcement staff based on recommendations from ABSS. They are students who could benefit from the JPA. Parents of students who show interest in the program are also referred. Cadets undergo a very structured, well-disciplined, four-week training program. This program focuses on setting goals, developing self-esteem, learning respect, and resolving conflicts. It also teaches cadets mediation skills, anger management, violence, gang and substance abuse prevention, and decision-making skills. The Junior Police Academy held its formal graduation ceremony on Friday, July 26th.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the recognition of the JPA Graduates

ATTACHMENTS: