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**Subject:** Moorhead Police Department Explorer Post – MN State Conference

The Moorhead Police Explorers and Advisors recently returned from a very successful weekend at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference in Rochester, MN. Law Enforcement Exploring is for youth from the ages of 15 through 21 who are interested in a career in law enforcement. The program which is coordinated by the Moorhead Police Department provides youth hands-on training from police officers in a variety of areas and offers them the opportunity to ride along with officers to see first hand what the career entails.

Every April, the explorers from Minnesota meet to compete in scenarios related to what they have been trained in. There are also academic sessions which are followed by a test and individual events such as a 5k run, two mile run and sample police exam. There is a career fair with recruiting stations from several law enforcement agencies and colleges.

This year, there were 50 police and sheriff's departments represented and over 550 youth in attendance. The Moorhead Explorer Post placed in the following categories:

- 2nd place - Traffic Accident Investigation
- 2nd place - Domestic Crisis Intervention
- 2nd place - Gang Investigation (academic)
- 2nd place - Courtroom Testimony (academic)
- 2nd place - Drug Investigation (academic)
- 5th place - Internet Crimes (academic)

The Moorhead post also was awarded the "Don Cup", which is a travelling trophy named after the men who started law enforcement exploring in Minnesota 35 years ago and is given to the Minnesota Explorer Post of the year. The members of this post were given this award to recognize their teamwork, dedication, quality and service. MPD Explorer Post Members earned in excess of \$2000 in scholarships.

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On the individual side of the conference, Crystal Smith, a freshman at MSUM, got 3rd place out of 210 people on the sample police exam and also got 3rd place in the 2 mile run. Officer Scott Kostohryz was also elected Vice President of the Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Association.

Students interested in joining the Moorhead Post should apply online at [www.moorheadpolice.com/explorers](http://www.moorheadpolice.com/explorers)

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