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During the week of June 22-30, 2017, Dodge County Law Enforcement Explorer Lieutenant Easton Meier was given the opportunity to attend Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) National Law Enforcement Exploring Leadership Academy in Quantico, VA. There are only about 20-30 Explorers from across the nation that are selected to attend this academy and it is only held every other year.

While attending, Easton was selected to receive the Billy Yout Excellence in Leadership Award. The advisors and academy staff who observed Easton's performance through the week selected him for the prestigious award. His selection was based on his demonstrated leadership, initiative, creativity, dedication and future potential.

Easton was presented with an award plaque and a \$2500 monetary honorarium to be used for educational expenses which are provided by the Billy Yout Memorial Foundation.

While at the academy, Easton sent the Sheriff the following message, "Sheriff, I have been experiencing world class education so far with many special agents and advisors. Today I was selected to present the wreath at the National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial in Washington DC with a team of 4 Honor Guard members. I was also able to present on behalf of Trooper Casper and shaded his name on National Law Enforcement Officer Paper to present to his family when I return. Thanks for everything!"

Easton is the second Dodge County Law Enforcement Explorer to attend one of these prestigious academies. Explorer Haley Justmann attended Secret Service National Law Enforcement Exploring Leadership in summer of 2013. It goes to show that the dedication of our Explorers who regularly win state and national awards, will certainly have the knowledge, skills and abilities to grow into the future leaders in our community.

On behalf of the Explorer advisors, I would like to congratulate Easton Meier on his award. We are all extremely proud of his achievements.

Attached to this press release is information on the Billy Yout Excellence in Leadership Award. Also attached is a photo of Easton Meier receiving his award from DEA Acting Deputy Administrator Robert W. Patterson.

Questions may be directed to Sheriff Dale J Schmidt.

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