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Oswego Junior Public Safety Academy *Hands-On Glimpse into Public Service*

(Oswego, IL) In a joint effort, the Oswego Fire Protection District and the Oswego Police Department hosted the 3rd Oswego Junior Public Safety Academy - better known as OJPSA. 21 junior high students were hosted for a week of hands-on learning and fun giving them a glimpse into the lives of firefighters and police officers.

On June 21st, the "new recruits" came to the Oswego Public Safety Campus unsure of what to expect. The first thing they were given was an academy t-shirt - their uniform for the week. The outline for the week was then explained to them and excitement grew as they realized all the different training they would be receiving.

The recruits' time was split between the Fire and Police Departments. On the Fire side, the recruits learned forcible entry techniques, hose line and nozzle management skills, and even conducted search and rescue drills with fire gear while being blacked out. They also watched a vehicle extrication prior to conducting their own vehicle extrication on a real vehicle. One of the highlights of the week for the recruits included a ride up in the 100 ft aerial tower ladder. On the Police side, the recruits learned valuable lessons on daily officer activities such as patrolling, traffic stops and car accident investigations. They were even treated to a K-9 demonstration during training. The week culminated with a lunch and graduation ceremony on Friday. It is safe to say the Junior High recruits had a blast this week and learned a lot about public safety.

This program is free of charge for the recruits, and there is an additional academy scheduled for July 12 to July 16. Information can be located at www.oswegofire.com. This course is just another example of the partnership the Oswego Fire Protection District and the Oswego Police Department have, and the dedication we all have, to members of our community.

The Oswego Fire Protection District was formed by voter referendum in March of 1936, covers over 60 square miles in the northeast portion of Kendall County and about 1.5 square miles of northwest unincorporated Will County.

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