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Oswego Junior Public Safety Academy *Both Summer Sessions; A Huge Success*

(Oswego, IL) The Oswego Fire Protection District and the Oswego Police Department once again teamed up to give Junior High School students a glimpse into the life of a police officer or firefighter. The academy hosted two sessions each lasting a week. One session in June and one held this past week. These Junior High School age students enjoyed a week of learning and fun.

The new recruits (students) came to the Oswego Public Safety Campus without knowing what to expect. The new recruits quickly learned that the uniform of the week would be a T-shirt provided to them for the academy. They were given instruction on how the week would go and what they would be training on. The excitement for the recruits skyrocketed with anxiousness and anticipation for the training they would receive.

The recruits training was split between the Police and Fire Departments. On the Police side, the recruits learned valuable lessons on daily officer activities such as patrolling, traffic stops and car accident investigations. They even were treated to a K-9 demonstration during training. On the Fire side the recruits learned forcible entry techniques, hose line and nozzle management skills and even conducted search and rescue drills (blacked out with fire gear). They conducted a vehicle extrication on a real vehicle using cutters, spreaders, and other power tools.

The week culminated with a lunch and graduation ceremony for the recruits on Friday. It is safe to say everyone had a blast and learned all about public safety. Fun was had by all while learning valuable lessons on what it is really like to give back to our community.

This program was free of charge for the recruits. Plans are already underway for next year's event. 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.

Photos are available upon request.

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