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First-ever police summer camp a success

FORT PIERCE – Youth participating in a summer youth camp has found it is not all that bad hanging out with the police.

On the contrary, the group of 54 area boys and girls has learned a lot in the first three days of the summer camp and the majority of them keep coming back.

Chief R. Sean Baldwin said, “Our Community Response Bureau has done an awesome job getting kids to participate in our first-ever summer camp. I commend them for their effort.”

On Monday, June 16, 2008, the summer camp sponsored by the Fort Pierce Police Department got underway. The camp operates 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday and will culminate with a graduation on July 3, 2008. Each day the campers meet at the Police Athletic League Center on Second Street in Fort Pierce.

“We have been averaging about 50 kids a day,” said Sergeant Antonio Hurtado, who along with Sergeant Robert Curry, oversee the program. “Even though the camp has begun, we still have parents wanting to register their children. We plan to offer more camps in the future.”

Every day of camp begins with 45 minutes of physical training. During the rest of the day, the kids are introduced to different aspects of law enforcement and police work. So far, the kids have learned about juvenile law, crime scene procedures and have participated in a mock crime scene.

In addition, lunch is provided, field trips to local area attractions are planned and campers will complete a community service project by the time the camp ends.

Captain Robert Sandifer, who is the commander of the Community Response Bureau, said the officers are working extremely hard to ensure that the campers have fun while learning.

Anyone interested in receiving additional information regarding the Fort Pierce Police Department Youth Police Academy/Summer Camp, please call 772-461-3820.

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