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Local explorers aid in NEAT cleanup

FORT PIERCE – Spring break will become a spring cleanup for police explorers who find it rewarding to give back to their community.

Donning gloves and armed with trash bags and bottles of water, about 20 members of Explorer Post #477 are expected to converge on an area between the 500 and 600 blocks of North 20th Street for a neighborhood cleanup.

The event sponsored by the Neighborhood Enhancement Action Team or NEAT, will kickoff at 8 a.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2010. The explorers, youth between the ages of 14 and 21, will be joined by members of the City of Fort Pierce Code Enforcement Department and the police department's Community Policing and Crime Prevention units, said Officer Adrienne Martella, coordinator of Explorer Post #477.

“The units have been working with code enforcement in this neighborhood and we came across several vacant lots that are littered with garbage,” Martella said. “We want to help the community with its beautification projects by cleaning up the vacant lots.”

Explorer Post #477 gives youth, between the ages of 14, who have completed the eighth grade, and 21, an opportunity to participate in a youth leadership program geared toward law enforcement. The post meets every other Tuesday, 6-9 p.m. at the main police station located at 920 S U.S. #1. For additional information call 772-461-3820 ext. 8367 or 8273 and leave a message.

The Neighborhood Enhancement Action Team or NEAT was recently implemented in the city. It is an inter-departmental team that to meet with local neighborhoods to explore solutions to community issues as diverse as improving trash collection to crime prevention and community safety.

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