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PRESS RELEASE

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Announcement: Cadet Program

INFORMATION:

The Fort Bragg Police Department is excited to announce the introduction of a Police Cadet Program for our local youth and young adults. The program will be open to all youth, both male and female, who live along the Mendocino Coast, are at least 14 years of age or who have completed the 8th grade, and who have not reached their 21st birthday. The program requires parental approval for the members under the age of 18 years and will be free to all participants.

The purpose of the Fort Bragg Police Cadet Program is to offer the youth of the Mendocino Coast an opportunity to learn about the law enforcement profession from within, to provide an education base in various law enforcement functions, and to be involved in actual police operations, whether they plan to enter law enforcement as a career or not. Through involvement, the Fort Bragg Police Cadet Program establishes an awareness of the complexities of police service and is intended to prepare our youth for becoming active and responsible members of our community.

Participants in this program will be required to maintain a 2.0 GPA in school and be able to pass a sport physical. Once accepted into the program, Cadets will complete a multi-week academy preparing them to participate and assist in Police Department functions and special events in the community.

The Fort Bragg Police Department expects training for this program to begin in July with Cadets meeting approximately twice weekly. Prior to the commencement of the program, a meeting will be held to allow parents and potential Cadets to ask questions and provide input into how the program will be conducted.

If you would like more information regarding this program please contact Officer O'Neal at (707) 813-0520 or by e-mail at toneal@fortbragg.com. Potential Cadets and their parents are encouraged to contact Officer O'Neal immediately, as the available Cadet positions in the initial program are expected to fill up quickly. Information requests for this program can also be picked up at the Fort Bragg Police Department, or from any on-duty officer.

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