



City of Forest Hill Explorer Receives National Honor

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[FOREST HILL, TEXAS-April 12, 2007]- The City of Forest Hill is proud to announce that Police Department Explorer, Misty Hallmark, has been selected to the 2007 National Law Enforcement Exploring Leadership Academy. Sponsored by the U.S. Marshals Service, Ms. Hallmark is the first Explorer in 20 years to be chosen from the City of Forest Hill.

"I'm honored to have been chosen," said Hallmark. "And to represent the City of Forest Hill, Texas is truly a privilege." Hallmark will spend seven days in July in Washington, D.C. "Misty's appointment is an affirmation of the importance of our Explorer program and just what our young adults can accomplish," expressed Officer Chris Stokes, the Forest Hill Police Department Explorer Training Advisor.

Ms. Hallmark has been involved in the Explorer program for the past 3 ½ years holding positions as Post Captain, Secretary and Lieutenant. She has received the Presidential Gold Award two years in a row and has earned the Community Service and Drug Abuse Prevention Awards. She has also earned the Emergency Preparedness Award, the Law Enforcement Service Award and the Perfect Attendance Award. Hallmark will also earn the National Law Enforcement Explorer Leadership Award after completing the July Academy. "Misty has also met all the requirements needed to earn the highest rank as Explorer Ranger. She will be recognized for this achievement in June," said Stokes.

The Law Enforcement Exploring Program is a work-based partnership with the City of Forest Hill and is part of the Boy Scouts of America Learning For Life initiative. Explorers assist with traffic control at city sponsored event, participate in the annual National Night Out program and help as needed with, the Lions Club annual Walk-A-Thon. They also take part in crime prevention and health fairs and festivals and are involved in local and state-wide competitions.

"Ms. Hallmark's appointment to the Academy is one of the highest tributes an explorer can achieve. On behalf of the city, I congratulate her on a job well done," said Acting Police Chief David Miller.

The City of Forest Hill was established in 1946. It is home to more than 13,000 residents and over 300 businesses. It is located in southeast Tarrant County.

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