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The Hanover County Sheriff's Office is hosting an open house at the Vaughn-Bradley law enforcement building on October 1, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. for those interested in participating in the Explorer Program.

Through a Learning for Life program, the Hanover County Sheriff's Office sponsors the law enforcement Explorer Post #606 for students in both high school and college. It is designed to introduce young men and women of the County to the field of law enforcement as a profession. This program began in the fall of 1990 under the direction the Sheriff, Colonel V. Stuart Cook, which has been in continuous operation since that time. In doing so, Colonel Cook recognized the need to mentor young men and women at an early age so as to encourage their development into law enforcement officers within their own community. This has proven to be a worthwhile endeavor as several officers within the agency today are a product of this program. This effort continues and the Sheriff's Office is seeking a fresh new pool of candidates to fulfill this vision.

As a result, the Hanover County Sheriff's Office and the Explorer Post #606 would like to invite anyone interested in the Explorer Program to an open house event at the Vaughn-Bradley law enforcement building on October 1, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. The program is open to those who are between 14-20 years of age and reside in the County. High school students who are accepted into the program are expected to maintain a minimum G.P.A. of 2.0. Additionally, those who have graduated high school must be actively enrolled in college and will be afforded the opportunity to apply for law enforcement related scholarships.

Through their participation, those who meet the qualifications and are selected for this program will have the opportunity to participate in hands-on training in various areas of law enforcement. They will be able to participate in local, state and national conferences and competitions, as well as take part in field trips. More importantly, they will have the opportunity to perform worthwhile community service projects, to include assisting with crime prevention programs and wearing the McGruff costume at different community events. For additional information about this program or eligibility requirements, please contact Deputy Barry Bland at (804) 365-8075 or bbland@hcps.us.

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