

Hanover County Sheriff's Deputy wins 2009 Law Enforcement Explorer Post Advisor of the Year Award sponsored by the National Sheriffs' Association.

The Hanover County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce Deputy Barry Bland was the recipient of the 2009 Law Enforcement Explorer Post Advisor of the Year Award sponsored by the National Sheriffs' Association.

Under the direction of Deputy Barry Bland, Explorer Post 606 has been a critical component of the Sheriff's Office service to the community. The Explorers have been involved in everything from filling roles at National Night Out, assisting with various ceremonies, participating in service projects and academy role-playing, and supporting our enforcement personnel.



Since the program's inception in Hanover County (November 1990), Deputy Bland has provided the driving force behind the success of Explorer Post 606, volunteering much of his personal time to its development and operation. However, Deputy Bland does not see Explorer Post 606 as a program, but rather as an opportunity to mentor and lead future influential citizens.

"The benefits to our agency and community have been immeasurable over the years, but the benefit that stands out more than all the others is the development of these young leaders. Many of the Explorers and their parents recognize this program as an opportunity to develop leadership qualities that will serve them in college and in future careers," said Colonel V. Stuart Cook. Several of the Explorers have even gone on to successful careers in law enforcement.

Deputy Bland will be recognized at the National Sheriffs' Association Conference in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, June 20-24, 2009.

If you are interested in learning more about the Explorer Program, please contact Deputy Bland at 365-7116 or visit our website at www.hanoversheriff.com.

