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TULARE POLICE EXPLORERS TAKE TOP HONORS AT REGIONAL COMPETITION

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Youth Shine in Law Enforcement Competition

At the Tulare City Council meeting on June 17, 2025, in Tulare, CA, the council celebrated the remarkable achievements of the Tulare Police Explorers, a youth group that excelled at the Central Valley Law Enforcement Explorer Competition on May 16, 2025. The team earned first place in the "suspicious persons" and "officer down" scenarios, second place in "active shooter" and "ambush," and third place in "medical aid" and "building searches." Council Member Jose Sigala praised the group, stating, "These young people are our future, and their success shows the strength of our community programs in Tulare, CA." The recognition highlighted the dedication of the Explorers and their advisors in preparing youth for law enforcement careers.

The Police Explorers program, supported by the Tulare Police Department, trains young participants in skills like <u>teamwork</u>, leadership, and crisis response. Jaden Gonzalez, a team member, was specifically acknowledged during the meeting for his contributions. Mayor Patrick Isherwood commended the advisors, including Josh Avalos, saying, "Your guidance has clearly paid off, helping these kids shine in the <u>Central Valley." The council's applause</u>

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<u>underscored the community</u> pride in these achievements, with Vice Mayor Stephen C. Harrell noting the program's role in fostering discipline and civic engagement among Tulare's youth.

Community Efforts Bolstered by Staff and Volunteers

The meeting also highlighted other <u>community</u> achievements, particularly the contributions of city staff and volunteers in Tulare, CA. The council recognized the Parks and Recreation Department, library staff, and senior staff for their work in maintaining <u>community programs</u>. Council Member Terry A. Sayre praised their efforts, stating, "Our staff and volunteers make Tulare a better place every day." The Parks and Recreation Board of Directors, a council-appointed volunteer group, was also acknowledged for its role in community service, further showcasing the collaborative spirit driving <u>Tulare's success in the Central Valley</u>.

These recognitions reflect the broader achievements of Tulare's community programs, which complement the Police Explorers' success. Council Member Dennis A. Mederos emphasized the importance of such initiatives, saying, "Programs like these build a stronger, safer Tulare." The council's focus on youth and volunteer efforts highlights a commitment to fostering achievement and engagement across the city.

Looking Ahead to Future Success

The <u>Tulare Police Explorers' victories at the Central Valley</u> competition mark a significant achievement for Tulare, CA, showcasing the potential of its youth and the strength of its community programs. The council's recognition of staff and volunteers further underscores the collaborative efforts behind these successes. While the meeting included discussions on other topics, such as the \$1,177,938,330 fiscal year 2026 budget, the spotlight on the Explorers and community contributors stood out as a moment of pride. As Tulare continues to invest in its youth and public services, these achievements signal a bright future for the <u>Central Valley city</u>. What community programs do you think Tulare should prioritize to

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