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Inaugural Wheeling Police Explorer Post Graduates 11

The Wheeling Police Department graduated its first-ever class of police explorers Wednesday evening at West Virginia Northern Community College.

Wheeling Police Chief Shawn Schwertfeger, Explorer Post Coordinator Sgt. Josh Sanders and representatives with the Boy Scouts of America were on hand to confer certificates to the recent graduates.

The graduating class members are Abigail Bowman, Kyle Bailey, Maggie DeLong, Mia Hammons, Kiah Johnson, Jacob Plants, Abigail Matusik, Nathan Dunfee, Logan Joseph, Ian Joseph and Abigail Lilley.

“I am extremely proud of our 11 graduates and thank them and their parents for spending time with the Wheeling Police Department. I am further grateful to the Wheeling Police Officers who made this important strategic planning initiative come to life,” said Chief Schwertfeger.

The Wheeling Police Department Explorer Post No. 1 was created in early 2019 and serves as a community outreach and recruitment tool to educate youth interested in law enforcement. The program is an offset with the Boy Scouts of America’s Explorer Program.

With the initial educational phase accomplished, the explorers will now spend time with officers in the patrol division and complete further educational and hands on teachings.

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