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EXPLORER POST 714 PLACES HIGH IN RECENT COMPETITION

RIVERSIDE, CA – The Riverside Police Department's Explorer Post 714 competed in the 2017 Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD) Explorer Competition over the past weekend in North Los Angeles County. Over 41 Explorer Posts with over 350 Explorers participated. This year's event was dedicated to the memory of LASD Sergeant Steve Owens, who was shot and killed in the line of duty on October 5, 2016, in the city of Lancaster. Explorer Post 714 placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in twenty events of various police related scenarios and physical challenges.

Riverside Police Explorer Kimberly Caro persevered through the many challenges and was one of two winners of the first perpetual "Sergeant Steve Owens Bullfrog Award." She had the highest points and lowest times combined amongst all female explorers in the mud run, 3-mile run, obstacle course, fitness challenge, and rock wall. Sgt. Owen's widow, LASD Detective Tania Owen, presented the award trophy to Explorer Caro. As a senior at Hillcrest High School in Riverside, Explorer Caro maintains a 4.3 GPA in Honors and AP courses while participating on the track and soccer teams, and in choir. Kimberly is currently the captain of the girls' soccer team.



The Riverside Police Department Police Explorer program's purpose is to provide experiences that help young people mature, and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults. Explorers are taught how to be independent and work as a team. In addition, they are taught the importance of personal responsibility and caring in their relationships with others and in their commitment to the community.

This program would not be successful without the dedication and service of many Riverside Police Officers who volunteer their time to help mentor these youth. If your teen is interested in joining Explorer Post 714 or any other police youth programs, visit www.riversideca.gov/rpd/community/default.asp for more information. Explorer Post 714 is one of several youth programs sponsored by the Riverside Police Foundation.



