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Lantana Civil Air Patrol cadets present leadership academy to Greenacres youth
Red Ribbon Leadership Academy

Cadets of the Lantana Civil Air Patrol presented a leadership program called Red Ribbon Leadership Academy for the City of Greenacres Department of Leisure Services Summer Camp in Greenacres, Florida, on August 3, 2016. The cadets leading the program were Cadet Senior Master Sgt. India Roehrich-Hill, Cadet Master Sgt. James Ashmen, Cadet Tech. Sgt. Ezekiel Duncanson, Cadet Senior Airmen Johnny Duizend, Cadet Senior Airmen Domanik Sklapsky, Cadet Airmen Jacob Hungler, Cadet Airman Basic Ian Brodrick, and Cadet Airman Basic Angel Cabrera.

The Civil Air Patrol's Red Ribbon Leadership Academy is part of the Civil Air Patrol's Drug Demand Reduction Program and places high-school-age cadets in front of middle school students (non-cadets) to serve as role models and leadership educators during a 3-hour workshop. The red ribbon symbolizes the Academy's role in promoting a drug-free ethic.
Program goals:

- To equip middle school student leaders with a basic understanding of the art and science of leadership.
- To promote a drug-free ethic among middle school student leaders by using CAP cadets as role models.
- To provide a venue for cadet leaders to apply their leadership skills.
- To increase the cadet program's positive image in the community and, hopefully, to provide a recruiting opportunity.

This program is a win-win for both organizations and the community on many levels. The cadets gain experience as leaders and lead community youth by teaching leadership skills, promoting team building, and providing hands-on exercises. It also helps youth create goals to work toward; ultimately giving them skills and something better to do than drugs.

Feedback that the city's Youth Program Supervisor Jowie Mohammed shared with the city's leaders: "The workshop immersed the youth with ideas to help lead them toward greater achievement and develop increased positive interaction their peers…. The program challenged youth leaders to promote the drug-free

ethic. Each participant also received a completion certificate." Mr. Mohammed also stated that "They got a lot of out of the program and really enjoyed the hands on activities that were included! We look forward to working with the Cadets again in the future."

The CAP, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with more than 56,000 members nationwide. The CAP performs 90 percent of the continental U.S. inland search-and-rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and was credited by the AFRCC with saving 103 lives in fiscal year 2007. Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and counter-drug missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. Its members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to the nearly 22,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs. CAP has been performing missions for America for more than 66 years. For more information, go to www.cap.gov.