

# NOTES

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Ann E. Wall, City Manager

DATE: September 20, 2017

SUBJECT: Materials for Your Information

Please find attached the following materials for your information:

1. A memo from Mark Holtzman, Chief of Police, regarding an update on Exploring Post 108
2. A flyer for the 2017 Minority Enterprise Development week, September 25-29

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# Memorandum

**To:** Ann Wall, City Manager  
**From:** Mark Holtzman, Chief of Police   
**Date:** September 15, 2017  
**Subject:** Update on Exploring Post 108

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Earlier this year, the Greenville Police Department expanded the Police Athletic League (PAL) program by reactivating Exploring Post 108. The Exploring Program, facilitated under the guidelines of Learning for Life Corporation, The Boy Scouts of America (BSA), and International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), is under the Youth Outreach Division for the Greenville Police Department for youth ages 14-20. Exploring helps the participants develop life skills necessary for youth to succeed from school to job interviews and future careers.

As Chief of Police, I serve as the Executive Officer, Sgt. Daniel Blanchard serves as the Post Advisor, and Det. Matthew McKnight serves as the Committee Chairman. Katie Tetterton, who is also an Animal Protective Services Officer, serves as the Youth Appointed Post Captain and James Nelson serves as the Youth Appointed Post Lieutenant. Post 108 currently has 11 adults and nine youth, male and female, participating in the program. Staff continually works to improve the Post and expand the number of program participants. Bi-monthly meetings are held on the second Monday and last Thursday of each month at the South Greenville Recreation Center PAL site. In addition to many of the traditional Exploring activities, the Post participated in several events over the past months.

On Saturday, March 18, 2017, the Post traveled to Kenansville to attend and participate in the South Eastern Explorers Program Competition. The GPD Explorer Post won 1st Place in the Modified Police Officer Physical Agility Test (POPAT) Course. The POPAT team consisted of Tyshaun Early, Katlyn Nowell, and Brandon Sweatt (Fayetteville PD Explorer). Another GPD Explorer, Tobyah Walters, won 3rd place in the female push-up competition.

On Saturday, April 8, 2017, the Post went to Winterville and assisted with parking for the annual Officer Down Memorial Ride. The local Blue Nights Motorcycle Club hosted the event and gave a \$250.00 donation to our Post. This money was used to purchase tee shirts and uniforms for the Explorers.

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On Saturday, May 20, 2017, the group traveled to Goldsboro to attend the air show at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. They assisted Goldsboro Police Department's Post #209 with parking for this event. Explorers were then able to attend the air show as observers.

Then on Tuesday, July 4, 2017, the Explorer's assisted GPD with the Fourth of July activities. Each Explorer was paired with a GPD officer, allowing them the opportunity to interact one-on-one. They assisted the officers with keeping spectators from entering the fireworks fall zone and provided additional staffing to ensure the safety of all spectators.

The reactivation of Exploring Post 108 continues GPD's efforts to focus on community outreach, focusing on the youth. GPD strives to build positive relationships and trust while furthering the Community Policing initiatives.

Hard copies of the application for the Exploring Club are attached and available for distribution as needed.

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# 2017 Minority Enterprise Development Week

*Connecting Culture, Commerce, and Community*

## September 25–29, 2017

*A week to recognize the economic impact of minority and women-owned firms*

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

**Social Media Conversations With MWBE Firms**  
Event will feature a Q&A session with current MWBE firms to learn more about them and their businesses.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

**Getting Started in Business**  
For people interested in starting businesses.  
6:00 PM–7:00 PM, Greenville City Hall, 200 W 5th Street. Hosted by ECBOR & DST/GAC.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

**MED Week Luncheon: Culture of a City**  
Luncheon will feature speaker from AMEXCAN.  
Event begins at 11:00 AM; lunch served at 12:00 PM.  
Greenville Hilton, Carolina Ballroom, 207 Greenville Blvd SW.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

**Meetup Make Art: MED Week Edition**  
Experience some of the best art Greenville has to offer! This event will include live music, spoken word, collective art, and live art demonstrations. Please join us at the Emerge Art Gallery, 404 Evans St, at 7:00 PM, and at Crave restaurant, 409 Evans St, at 8:00 PM for this night of artistic expression.



Register for all events at  
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