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East Providence Police Explorers receive \$2K donation from local church

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI – The East Providence Police Explorers Post 750 accepted a \$2,000 check from Bethany of the Nazarene Church in Rumford.

Pastor David Vatrál presented the check to Paul Manning, a 19-year-old who has been in the program for five years and has plans to someday serve in law enforcement. Pastor Vatrál presented the check on behalf of his church members who wanted to help the community in some way.

“We are so thankful to Pastor Vatrál and his parish family for their amazing donation,” Mayor Bob DaSilva said. “The funds will be used to help our city’s youth explore the world of law enforcement and perhaps someday pursue a career in the field.”

Chief Christopher Francesconi thanked Pastor Vatrál and all of his parishioners for their generous and thoughtful donation.

“The Explorers program gives the youth of East Providence the opportunity to better understand policing and allows them to volunteer within the community,” Chief Francesconi said. “These proceeds will help those who may not be able to afford the cost of the program and also for our much-needed supplies.”

The East Providence Police Explorers program is for all young men and women between the ages of 14 and 20 who are interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement.

The East Providence Explorers meet once every other week from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at 610 Waterman Ave., East Providence (Robert Rock Senior Center).

During these meetings, Explorers are instructed in various aspects of law enforcement. The areas of study include, but are not limited to, traffic stops, building searches, traffic control, self-defense, use of force, firearms safety and use, DUI/ Stops, criminal law and officer safety.

The East Providence Police Department is currently recruiting new members into the program. Youth interested in the program are invited to attend the first meeting and sign up on October 26, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. at 610 Waterman Ave., (Robert Rock Senior Center).

For more information, please contact Lt. David Pacheco at Dpacheco@eastprovidenceri.gov



(Left) Photo Caption L to R: Det.

Lt. David Pacheco, Mayor Bob DaSilva, Pastor Dave Vatral, Explorer Paul Manning, Chief Christopher Francesconi, Major Barry Ramer.

(Below) Photo Caption: L to R:

Explorer Paul Manning with Det. Lt. David Pacheco, accept a \$2,000 bank check from Pastor Vatral.

