



BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE WESTON EXPLORERS TAKES 2nd PLACE IN COMPETITION



Weston's Law Enforcement Explorer Program Post 44 recently competed in the 6th Annual Learning for Life Regional Competition. This was Post 44's first time in the competition and they proudly won the 2nd place trophy on the "In Progress" burglary scenario. There were a total of 17 teams in the competition, including 5 from Broward Sheriff's Office with approximately 200 Explorers in attendance.

The group was lead by Deputy Kevin Maccagli and is based out of Tequesta Trace Middle School in Weston. The members of the winning team that participated in the competition and trainings were: Mike Carabine, Jonathan Nudleman, Nick Batista, Victor Yopez, Jacob Torner and Alejo Belzrez, and the team alternates were Sara Evans and Brian Goldberg.



The Explorers program works with teens and young adults (14-21 years of age) by allowing them to interact with law enforcement and other community advisors in a serious, regimented atmosphere where the students can demonstrate their personal initiative. The program offers young adults the opportunity to learn and experience lawful citizenship as they participate, side-by-side with certified BSO deputies in ongoing training and community service projects.

For detailed program information, visit the BSO website at www.sheriff.org/about_bso/dle/explorers/index.cfm or visit the City of Weston's website at www.westonfl.org/Departments/Police/VolunteerYouth.





NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH You Can Be the Hero

September is National Preparedness Month.

Now is a time to prepare yourself and those in your care for emergencies and disasters. If you've seen the news recently, you know that emergencies can happen unexpectedly in communities just like yours, to people like you. We've seen tornado outbreaks, river floods and flash floods, historic earthquakes, tsunamis, and even water main breaks and power outages in U.S. cities affecting millions of people for days at a time.

Police, fire and rescue may not always be able to reach quickly in an emergency or disaster. The most important step you can take in helping you local responders is being able to take care of yourself and those in you care; the more people prepared, the quicker the community will recover.

This September, please prepare and plan in the event you must go for three days without electricity, water service, access to a supermarket, or local services for several days.

Just follow these steps:

- ✓ **Stay Informed:** Information is available from federal, state, local, tribal resources to learn what to do before, during, and after an emergency.
- ✓ **Make a Plan:** Discuss, agree on, and document an emergency plan with those you care about.
- ✓ **Build a Kit:** Keep enough emergency supplies- water, nonperishable food, first aid, prescriptions, flashlight, and battery-powered radio on hand.
- ✓ **Get Involved:** The whole community can participate in programs and activities to make their families, homes and places of worship safer from risks and threats.



For more information, please feel free to forward any questions to ready@fema.gov or visit the FEMA website, www.ready.gov/be-informed.



TAKE STEPS NOW TO BE PREPARED

GENERATOR SAFETY

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – *A Continuing Series*

Generators are useful when temporary or remote electric power is needed, but they also can be extremely dangerous. Hazards include carbon monoxide poisoning from toxic engine exhaust, electric shock, electrocution, and fire.



Heed these important safety tips:

- When installing a permanent generator, be sure to obtain the necessary permits and have a licensed electrician do the installation.
- Use the generator according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Place portable generators outside in a well-ventilated area, NEVER inside a home including garages, basements or crawl spaces.
- You cannot see or smell carbon monoxide. If you start to feel sick, dizzy or weak while using a generator, get outside to fresh air immediately and call 9-1-1.
- Install battery-operated or plug-in carbon monoxide alarms with battery back-up in your home.
- Do not refuel a generator while it is running.
- Do not store fuel indoors.
- Do not connect a portable generator directly to your house because the power you generate may flow back into power lines and cause damage or injure power workers.

Prepare, stay safe and be ready for an emergency, visit <http://www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/CodeRed.aspx> and register for **CodeRED** to receive emergency notifications from the City of Weston.



RIGHT ON RED IS RIGHT BUT ONLY IF YOU FOLLOW THE RULES



You can turn right at most red lights in the state of Florida, unless otherwise indicated by a traffic sign or police officer. Use caution and follow the rules to avoid accidents with pedestrians, bikes or other vehicles.



Make A Complete Stop

You must come to a complete stop behind the white stop line at a red light, before you can turn right.

Count to five once you stop to avoid being photographed by an automatic traffic camera at some intersections in Florida, because you could be fined approximately \$204, warns the Florida DHSMV.

Yield To Pedestrians

Stop your vehicle **before the crosswalk** so pedestrians are able to cross the street in either direction, before you turn right at a red light. Allow them to finish crossing even if the light has turned red for them, or if there is no crosswalk.

Yield To Vehicles Making U-turns

Allow vehicles making a U-turn into the direction you want to turn right into, to go first, if you are facing a red light. Keep in mind that they have the right of way as their light is green.

Yield To All Traffic That Has Green Light

Give oncoming traffic going through a green light the right of way before you turn right on red. Watch out for vehicles turning left on a green arrow into your planned direction, as well as vehicles coming straight through a green light.

Obey "No Turn On Red" Signs



FLORIDA'S 5TH ANNIVERSARY Silver Alert

The month of October marks the 5th Anniversary that Florida's Governor put into place the executive order that helped establish the State's Silver Alert program.

The Silver Alert program is a public notification system that helps authorities find seniors who are missing and are believed to be in danger because of dementia or other cognitive impairment. The Silver Alert distributes information to the public in order to assist rescuers by the means of radio, TV, satellite radio, e-mail, electronic traffic signs, LED billboards, as well as SMS text messaging.

Program officials say nearly 700 missing seniors have been recovered under Silver Alert since its 2008 inception, as of July 2013. The public can play an important role in the rescue of missing elderly persons. One way to do this is to be on the lookout for the missing person or their vehicle when a Silver Alert is activated in your area.



Another way the public can assist is by being aware of those around you and recognizing when a senior is in need of assistance. If you come into contact with a senior who appears lost or disoriented, and you have reason to believe that person will not be able to find their way home, you may be able to help prevent a Silver Alert by contacting law enforcement or, in the case of a family member, friend or neighbor, aiding the person in finding their way home.



Thirty-one states have similar programs, including Tennessee (which also uses the Silver Alert name) and Georgia (whose "Mattie's Call" program was established in 2006, named after an Alzheimer's disease patient who went missing from her Atlanta home two years earlier.)

For more information about the Silver Alert, please visit <http://www.floridasilveralert.com/>.



BACK TO SCHOOL TIPS WHAT PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT BULLYING

Bullying among children is aggressive behavior that is intentional and involves an imbalance of power or strength. Usually bullying is repeated over time. Bullying can take many forms such as physical, verbal, emotional and cyber bullying.

Broward County School's Anti-Bullying Policy

The Broward County School District has an Anti-Bullying Policy that prohibits bullying of or by any district student or employee. It is important that parents become familiar with the policy. For more information, please contact your child's school or the Broward County School Board at 754-321-0000.



What to do if you suspect your child is being bullied

Talk with your child. Be supportive and gather information about the bullying. Report suspected bullying to your child's school. Anonymous reports can also occur by calling the school district's **emergency hotline at 754-321-0911**.

What parents should know about cyber bullying



Cyber bullying occurs when children or teens use the internet, cell phones or other devices to send or post text or images intended to hurt or embarrass other children or teens. This can include sending mean, vulgar, or threatening messages or images; posting sensitive, private information about another person; or pretending to be someone else in order to make that person look bad. Children and

teens can cyber bully each other through e-mails, instant messaging, text messages, web pages, blogs or chat rooms.

Tips to help prevent cyber bullying:

- keep your computer in easily viewable places
- talk regularly with your child about on-line activities that he or she is involved in
- tell your child that you may review their on-line communications
- consider installing parental control filtering software and/or tracking programs

Tips for dealing with cyber bullying that your child has experienced:

- strongly encourage your child not to respond to the cyber bullying
- do not erase the messages or pictures (save these as evidence)
- try to identify the individual doing the cyber bullying
- contact the police if cyber bullying involves acts such as threats of violence, extortion, obscene or harassing phone calls or text messages, harassment, stalking, hate crimes, etc.

Please visit www.sheriff.org/safety/bullying.cfm for more information.



NEED A JOB?

BROWARD COUNTY LIBRARIES CAN HELP!



Free job search and résumé writing resources available countywide.

Unemployed, underemployed or ready for something better? Whether you are looking for your first job, a new career or just want to get back to work, **Broward County Libraries** can help make your job search easier. According to June 2013 figures released by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, the state's unemployment rate is holding steady at 7.1%, just slightly below the national average.



Broward County Library offers help to job seekers countywide. Resources include:

- **Broward County Library Catalog**: Search for resources on topics such as resume writing, interviewing, networking and other employment-related subjects. You can visit the [Library's Help Center](#) to get live help from a librarian via text message or email.
- **Unemployment & Assistance**: Broward County Libraries' [e-Government resources](#) brings all of the web sites you need together into one place. Apply online for state unemployment help; access other government documents and forms including legal forms; find local and community resources such as emergency assistance, food banks and social services via Broward 211 website.
- **Free Computer Classes**: BCL offers [free public computer classes](#) that include topics such as online job searching and resume writing, computer literacy, word processing, PowerPoint, Excel and social media in various languages.
- **Educational Information/Assistance**: Explore educational opportunities and find information about Florida's public and private schools, colleges, universities and technical schools. Take practice tests for SAT, ACT, civil service exams and more. Take free courses with [Universal Class](#), an online educational service providing classes to improve personal development and employability.

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Live Job Coaching and Résumé Assistance Online!

- Get free, live online resume writing help and job coaching from [Broward eTutor](#). Use your [Broward County Library card](#) (required) to access Job Now!, which provides online assistance for winning résumés, free live online job coaching and well employment resources for general jobs, veterans and first-time job seekers.
- Thinking of a change? Try [Career Transitions](#), a complete, guided, self-paced application that lets users assess strengths and interests, explore new opportunities and improve chances of getting a job.
- Explore your employment options at [Career Overview](#) and get career Information, educational requirements, job descriptions and job search resources.
- Looking for the next great career? Search the online [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#), a guide that covers hundreds of occupations and describe what they do, the work environment, pay and more.



Classes and Workshops

Free résumé assistance and mock interviews are available at [West Regional Library](#) every Monday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Call 954-765-1560 for information. Broward County Libraries also offers computer classes in résumé writing and online job searching. The classes are free and open to the public; basic computer knowledge is required.

- **September 5** – Résumé Writing, 1 to 2:30 p.m., African-American Research Library and Cultural Center, 954-367-6282
- **September 12** – Résumé Writing, 1 to 2:30 p.m., African-American Research Library and Cultural Center, 954-367-6282
- **September 17** – Your Résumé, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., North Regional/Broward College Library. Registration required; call 954-201-2600
- **September 26** – Job Resources, 1 to 2 p.m., African-American Research Library and Cultural Center, 954-367-6282

For more information, please visit
<http://www.broward.org/Library/Pages/Default.aspx>.



BECOME A "FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY" AND HELP PLAN FOR THE FUTURE OF BROWARD COUNTY LIBRARIES



FRIENDS:
THE HEART OF
BROWARD COUNTY
LIBRARIES

Friends of Broward County Libraries

The Friends of Broward County Library, Inc. is an umbrella organization of 32 local chapters. It has been instrumental in the growth of the library system since 1975, bringing together the leaders of local Friends groups at meetings at the county, state and federal level. It also helps to sustain county, state and federal funding for the Library System.



Monthly meetings provide opportunities for Friends to share successful ideas and plan for the future. Advocacy efforts of board members include participation in Library Days in Tallahassee and trips to Washington while Congress is in session. The Executive Board is comprised of individuals from local chapters and members-at-large help to guide and support the Friends

The Weston Chapter of the Friends of the Library raises funds for library programming, events and activities that otherwise would not be offered at the Weston Branch location. The Friends of the Library Bookstore is operated by volunteers and you can be part of the family!



For more information on Friends of the Library, please visit www.broward.org/Library/Organizations/BCLFriends/Pages/default.aspx or call the Weston Branch Library at 954-357-5420.



FANTASTIC THEATRE CLASSES AT THE WESTON COMMUNITY CENTER

The Community Center, located inside the Weston Regional Park, offers a wide variety of classes and activities for all ages. Here are a few of the diverse lists of classes offered for children, teens and adults.

Improv

Dates: September 15th – December 1st
Days/Ages: Sunday 6:30-8:30 p.m. (ages 14-18)
Cost: \$250 per session

Learn the basic tools and fundamentals of improvisation in a fun and exhilarating environment! Students learn the basics of agreement, creating environment, relationship, characterization and both short-form and long-form improvisation based on techniques from The Harold, Armando Diaz, Tag-Out and more.

Musical Theatre Production Workshop

Dates: September 15th – December 15th
Days/Ages: Sunday 4:00-6:30 p.m. (ages 9-13)
Cost: \$395 per session

This class focuses on training in acting and movement. Instruction includes traditional Stanislavski techniques, improvisation, and character development. No experience is necessary; this leads to a performance in a professional theatre setting and students are expected to be committed and work at the highest level of professionalism.

The Play's the Thing!

Dates: October 4th – December 13th (no class on November 29th)
Days/Ages: Friday 3:30-4:30 p.m. (ages 7-8)
Cost: \$180 per session

Students engage in the theatrical process through acting exercises designed to increase concentration, free the imagination and increase confidence. Movement for the stage, character development and improvisation techniques are used to help students develop a script based on a value laden folktale. A class presentation is held the last day of class.

For more information on the above classes, please contact Robin Braun of the Inside Out Theatre Company at 954-385-3060.

For a complete listing of all classes and to register, please visit www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation/ParksAndRecreationHome.aspx. or call the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321.



UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS



AUTOMATED RECYCLING CART USE HAS BEGUN!

Use of the new cart system has begun. Residents will no longer use recycling bins. You can keep your bins or if you wish to dispose of them, place them out empty with your recycling cart and they will be removed. Questions: please call Public Works at 954-385-2600 or visit www.westonfl.org.



SEPTEMBER 11, 2013

The City of Weston joins our country in honoring and remembering the victims, their families, first responders and rescue and recovery workers, the soldiers who have taken up arms to defend our freedom and safety and the volunteers who contributed their efforts in the aftermath of 9/11.



CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, September 12th 7:00PM

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission. This meeting is also the first of two budget hearings for the FY2014 City budgets. The date is not on the regular first or third Monday of the month to meet with State Statutes to

coordinate budget hearings that do not conflict with the County or School Board.
Location: Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.

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September 3, 2013



CALLING ALL RUNNERS - Training for the big race
Wednesday, September 18th 7:00PM-9:00PM

Seminar providing information on how to train safely & effectively to achieve your personal best whether training for a marathon or 5K. BMI and Blood Pressure screenings before and after the program.

Speakers: *Frankie Ruiz, Chief Running Officer, US Road Sports/ING Miami Marathon; Jesse Shaw, D.O., Orthopedic Surgeon, All Pro Orthopedics and Sports Medicine; and Lucette Talamas, R.D., Community Health Registered Dietician.*

Location: Cypress Bay High School Auditorium, 18600 Vista Park Blvd., Weston.

Registration Required: Free event, limited space. Please call 954-837-1130 or go to Programs@BaptistHealth.net



CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, September 23rd 7:00PM

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.

This meeting is also the second and final budget hearing for the FY2014 City budgets. The date is not on the regular first or third Monday of the month to meet with State

Statutes to coordinate budget hearings that do not conflict with the County or School Board. **Location:** Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.



CPR SAFE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

BSO Weston Fire Rescue - This program offers FREE CPR classes to residents, organizations and businesses and their employees. Convenient weeknight and weekend CPR classes are offered as well as training right at your own location at a time convenient for you (min. 8 persons). **Call 954-389-2015** today.



SMOKE ALARM AND BATTERY REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

BSO Weston Fire Rescue - This program is designed to reach resident seniors or the disabled who are unable to safely install smoke alarms and/or replace the batteries in existing alarms. Please call **954-389-2015** to schedule this FREE service for our Weston residents.



WESTON DELIVERS THE LATEST NEWS DIRECTLY TO YOUR INBOX

Select from two options (*we recommend BOTH*):

- **Newsday Tuesday:** A collection of city news articles, information and events.
- **General Notifications:** Updates on construction projects; media releases; sports registrations and events. Subscribe at www.westonfl.org/EmailSubscriptions.aspx.



REGISTER FOR CodeRED TODAY Hurricane Season began June 1st – be prepared!

All residents and businesses should register with the City's CodeRED Emergency Notification System. The

City will only send out a message on CodeRED in an emergency situation or to update residents after an emergency. To register, please visit <http://www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/CodeRed.aspx>.