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On Saturday, June 21, 2014, Assistant Sheriff Richard Barrantes was joined by Department executives, representatives from several local law enforcement agencies and Deputy Explorer Program alumni to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the Deputy Explorer Program and the graduation ceremony for Explorer Academy Class 92.

There were 121 young men, and 56 young women, 14-20 years old, who graduated from an intensive, 18-week training program held at the Sheriff's academy in Whittier, California, and two satellite training facilities in Lancaster and Santa Clarita.

The Explorer Academy trains young adults who have expressed an interest in pursuing law enforcement as a future career in a myriad of law enforcement topics, such as criminal law, laws of arrest, defensive tactics, firearm safety, leadership development, team building, physical training, and law enforcement academics. All recruits must maintain a "C" average throughout the training program. Graduates are eligible to receive ten elective high school units for their efforts.

The first Sheriff's Explorer Academy class graduated in 1969 with 16 explorers from Norwalk Sheriff's Station and then-known Newhall Sheriff's Station. Class 92 had Explorers from 18 Los Angeles County Sheriff's stations and 15 local participating police departments.

The keynote speaker was one of the original 16 graduates from Explorer Academy Class 1, Darrell Klasey, who is a latent fingerprint examiner for the Solano County Sheriff's Office. Klasey reminisced about the first explorer academy class and his experiences as a Deputy Explorer at the Norwalk Sheriff's Station.

As a tribute to the pioneers of the Deputy Explorer Program, the training staff wore vintage uniforms from the late 1960's. The female explorer staff members wore skirts and heels, while the male explorer staff members wore the formerly-traditional eight-point dress hats, original hat badges from that era, and the old-style name plates on their uniforms.

The Deputy Explorer Program is a career development and education opportunity open to interested youth, ages 14-21, with an interest in pursuing a career in the law enforcement field. Its purpose is to provide training and experiences that assist young adults in maturing and becoming more responsible, compassionate, independent, and self-confident. All Sheriff's stations in Los Angeles County have Deputy Explorer posts.

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