## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## **CCSO Explorers Compete in National Competition**







CHATHAM COUNTY, GA (February 9, 2013) – Today members of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 876 competed in the national Winterfest 2013 competition in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Fourteen explorers who represent 8 local public and private high schools competed in four law enforcement event this afternoon—Cell Extraction, Active Shooter, Unknown Trouble and Uniform Inspection.

The results of the competitions will be announced around 8:30 p.m. tonight.

The CCSO Explorer Post is made up of young men and women between the ages of 14 and 20. They attend regular meeting to learn about law enforcement, local government, leadership, character development and how to be role models for the youth in our community. The Explorers are joining nearly 3,000 other participants from 12 states at the annual Winterfest Exploring and Venturing competition.

## **Competition Results**

14 members of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 876 competed against 3,000 other Explorers at the Winterfest 2013 competition in Gatlinburg, TN.

This was the first major competition for this team of Explorers. While they did not place in the four events they participated in, Explorer Post Advisor Cpl. Rhonda Bryant-Elleby said she was very proud of the CCSO Explorers.

"This was a great learning experience for us," Cpl. Bryant-Elleby said. "The kids all did a very good job and we are anxious to sharpen our skills and get ready for Summerfest in Savannah in July."

A talent show was held after today's law enforcement competitions. Our own Explorer Lt. Andrea Stokes sang her way to first place!