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## SHERIFF KOUTOUJIAN DEPUTIZES YOUTHS FROM MALDEN, WOBURN, WAKEFIELD, EVERETT

On Friday, July 15, 2010 Middlesex Sheriff Peter Koutoujian proudly recognized the Malden, Woburn, Wakefield and Everett graduates of the 2011 Middlesex Sheriff's Office Youth Public Safety Academy. The graduation was held at the Middlesex Training Academy at 793 Boston Road in Billerica, MA.

Sheriff Koutoujian hosted a ceremony honoring more than 200 children from these communities. The cadets, ages 9 – 11, were given diplomas in recognition of their hard work and dedication to public safety.

Each summer the Middlesex Sheriff's Office sponsors this free and fun week-long summer program. The Academy exposes our children to role models in Public Safety – namely their local Police, Fire, Emergency Medical Services and Sheriff's personnel. Cadets learn basic first aid skills, fire safety, tour their local police and fire stations, participate in numerous demonstrations and are taught the importance of self-esteem and teamwork. Every week the program is tailored to the specific Middlesex community that is participating. Parents, cadets and invited guests enjoyed a family cookout after the graduation proceedings.

This year the Middlesex Sheriff's Office is celebrating the **12th** year of the Youth Public Safety Academy!

Local elected and public safety officials at the event were: from **Malden**, Chief of Police James Holland, City Councilor Gary Christenson, City Councilor Greg Lucey, School Committee members John Froio, Leonard Iovino and Adam Weldai; from **Everett**, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Thomas Stella, Captain Rick Basteri, City Councilors John McKinnon, Rosemary Miller and Peter Napolitano; from **Wakefield** Police, Lt. Calabrese and Lisa Batler; from **Woburn**, Alderman Richard Haggerty, School Committee members Patricia Chisolm and Michael Mulrenan, Police Sgt. Paul Tenney and Gary Reese on behalf of the Woburn Public Schools.

Photos of the event are attached.

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