

## **ALLEN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief's Newsletter—September 2012

## Thank you to Scouts Alex Lyons and Carter Balogh

This summer, two very talented Allen Scouts, Alex Lyons, Troop #1299 and Carter Balogh, Troop #306, worked with the Allen Animal Shelter to design and build a seating area with shade cover for the employees and patrons of the facility.

Needing an Eagle Scout Project, the men approached Animal Control Supervisor Vikki Francis offering their services. Ms. Francis told the men that a covered seating area was needed at the facility. This area needed to provide a comfortable environment for prospective owners to interact with the animals prior to adoption and protect volunteers from inclement weather when walking the dogs.

Scout Lyons eagerly went to work designing and constructing a unique adjustable bench that could easily convert to a table. At the same time, Scout Balogh began his work on a  $12 \times 12$  shade canopy.

The project required research, planning and

applying for building permits which were graciously waived by the City of Allen Planning Department. The men solicited donations for materials and enlisted the help of other Scouts to complete the project.

After four months of hard work, the men completed the project and unveiled a wonderful and very versatile addition to the shelter.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank in the Scouting Program and the skills acquired with these projects are quite valuable. Thank you to these impressive young men for taking the time to improve our community.





Scout Carter Balogh and the unique convertible table/bench designed and built by Scout Alex Lyons.

## Congratulations to the APD Jr. Police Academy 2012

It was a successful year for the young citizen's of Allen, who participated in this year's Junior Police Academy Summer Camp. More than 150 Jr. and Sr. High School students enrolled this year, learning and experiencing first hand, the basic operations of the Allen Police Department.

Students had the opportunity to practice what they learned including experiencing what it was like to drive after drinking too much alcohol. In a simulation using Fatal Vision goggles, students experienced first hand, the fatal effects of drinking and driving.

School Resource Officer Tyson Parks stated

that this is one of the most effective tools that the department has to educate students about the dangers of drinking and driving.

To learning more about this valuable summer camp for your child, please contact the APD.

