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Kendall County Sheriff’s Office Participates in the Hultgren STEM Scholars Program

The Kendall County Sheriff’s Office and the Kendall County Coroner’s Office participated in the Hultgren STEM Scholars Program. U.S. Representative Randy Hultgren (IL-14) announced the launch of STEM Scholars Program in 2016, a 14th Congressional District youth leadership program encouraging highly-motivated and energetic high school students to become ambassadors in their communities for the possibilities provided by science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

The STEM Scholars program includes programming specifically designed to expose students to STEM careers and to build STEM leadership qualities and skills. STEM Scholars will grow their leadership skills through presentations, higher-level discussions and on-site visits to some of the 14th District’s premier facilities. There are 30 STEM Scholars that come from 7 different counties which include: Lake, McHenry, Kane, Dekalb, Dupage, Kendall and Will County.

On January 20, 2018, the Kendall County Sheriff Office and the Kendall County Coroner’s Office gave a presentation to over 20 STEM Scholars. Kendall County Coroner Jacqueline Purcell provided a tour of the morgue. Purcell explained the procedures of an autopsy and Purcell answered questions regarding death, investigations, toxicology and autopsies. Detective Jason Flanders covered the basics of evidence processing, fuming, fingerprinting and how fingerprints are recovered. Detective Michael Disera discussed the basics of crime scenes related to recovery of blood evidence such as blood stain pattern analysis and luminol to detect blood and phenolphthalein presumptive blood test.
Sheriff Baird said, “The KCSO is proud to offer support and encouragement to students in this program. It is a commitment to bettering our community through education and training.”

Purcell added, “I was happy to participate in Representative Hultgren’s STEM Scholars program. I believe the STEM programs are a great resource to provide the students with a wide range of learning opportunities and expose them to career opportunities in these important fields.”