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Youth Public Safety Academy Students to Gather Food for the Less Fortunate

SUFFOLK, VA (April 12, 2010) – When Police and Fire Public safety personnel first considered implementing service learning as part of the Youth Public Safety program, they had no idea that the students would be so engaged. Not only were they interested, but they demonstrated passionate concern for a wide variety of contemporary issues to include recycling, hunger and graffiti removal. Facilitators help the youth to identify projects they can implement and at the completion of the project, they have a time of celebration.

They are kicking off their first service learning project entitled “Just a Can Away,” on Saturday April 17, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Wal-Mart on North Main Street in Suffolk, and at the Food Lion on Holland Rd. They will be conducting a canned food drive at each of these locations for the express purpose of gathering food for the hungry. Their goal is to collect 300 cans and give them to the Disabled American Veterans Suffolk Office. They are asking that shoppers stop by and purchase and donate a can or two of food to help them reach their goal.

The service learning curriculum, developed by Alternatives in Hampton Virginia, is designed to encourage youth to get involved and make a difference in their community, no matter their age, or their position. The Youth Public Safety

Academy hopes to complete two service learning projects before the end of the spring session.

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