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District Attorney Hoovler Announces Fifth Hunter Safety Program

District Attorney to Host Hunter Safety Program in Deerpark

Orange County District Attorney David M. Hoovler announced that as part of the District Attorney's Office Community Outreach Program his office will again be hosting a hunter safety program. The ten-hour course will take place on April 25 and April 26, 2017, at the Senior Center in the Town of Deerpark. The course will run from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on both dates.

The purpose of the course is to encourage interaction between law enforcement and the youth of Orange County, and to stress the importance of gun safety. The course will be taught by Detective Michael Decker of the City of Port Jervis Police Department and Sergeant Ray Cirulli of the Town of Deerpark Police Department. Both Detective Decker and Sergeant Cirulli are certified New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Hunter Safety Instructors. Assistant District Attorneys will also assist at the courses.

Anyone interested in attending the course is urged to go to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's ["DEC"] website at www.dec.ny.gov, select "Registration", then select "Hunting", then select "Hunter Education Classes" and follow the instructions for registration and completing homework/study material. New DEC regulations require that these materials be completed before the start of the class.

"The youth of our County need to have positive experiences with police officers," District Attorney Hoovler said. "I am proud that my office is again able host this training which will stress firearms safety. Detective Decker and Sergeant Cirulli both volunteered and taught four hunter safety courses hosted by the District Attorney's Office since I took office. All of the courses were well attended and well received. I am hopeful that these courses will foster an

interest in our young people in safely experiencing the natural beauty of our County by engaging in outdoor activities and in learning the importance of conservation.”

District Attorney Hoovler thanked Sergeant Cirulli and Detective Decker for volunteering their time to teach the course, as well as Chief Richard Sztynodor of the Town of Deerpark Police Department and Chief William Worden of the City of Port Jervis Police Department for allowing their officers to teach the courses.

District Attorney Hoovler also thanked the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for helping to set up the courses and for providing personnel who will be present at each of the courses.

Space in the course is limited to fifty people.

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