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District Attorney Hoovler and Mayor Destefano Announce Middletown Summer Youth Program

District Attorney to Host Middletown Community Youth Gym Program

Provides an Alternative to Youths Being on the Streets during the Summer

Orange County District Attorney David M. Hoovler, and City of Middletown Mayor Joseph Destefano announced that the Orange County District Attorney's Office and the City of Middletown will jointly host a Middletown Community Youth Gym Program. The program which will be held on Friday nights during the summer between 8:00 PM and 9:30 PM, at the Ultimate Advantage, Inc. gym located at 600 North Galleria Drive, Wallkill, NY, starting on Friday, July 14, 2017. The program will be run by Rick Scarpulla, who had been a coach at West Point for thirteen years, and who has extensive experience not only working with professional and Olympic level athletes, but also with youth. The program is designed to give high-school age teenagers in the greater Middletown area an alternative to spending their summer on the streets, and will include instruction on nutrition, character building, the importance of crime prevention and avoiding drugs.

The program has the support of the Town of Wallkill Police Chief and the Orange County Sheriff. The program is designed to provide youth, particularly disadvantaged youth, with alternatives to engaging in criminal activity, as well as life-skills including a compelling anti-drug message and to foster a more positive relationship with law-enforcement.

"It is important that we give all our youth alternatives to hanging out in the streets, and potentially getting into trouble," said City of Middletown Mayor Joseph Destefano. "I hope many of our young people will take advantage of this opportunity to have fun, become better athletes, and learn to become healthier, happier, and drug free community members."

“The youth of our County need to have positive experiences with law enforcement officers and an alternative to spending summers on city streets,” said District Attorney David M. Hoovler said. “I am proud to partner with the City of Middletown and the Town of Wallkill to help sponsor this program. Anyone who has is familiar with Coach Scarpulla knows that he is a dynamic speaker, as well a first class athlete and coach. Anyone who signs up for this program, can expect not only to have an enjoyable experience, but also to gain some valuable advice about improving their athletic abilities, health and fitness, as well as the importance of staying drug free.”

Anyone interested in registering and attending the course may sign up at the Ultimate Advantage Gym, located at 600 Galleria Drive, in Wallkill, on Friday, July 14, 2017, at 8:00 pm.

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