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Sheriff's Office Donates Patrol Vehicle to WTC Criminal Justice Program

On Monday, June 30, 2018, the Ingham County Sheriff's Office donated a 2015 Ford Explorer to the Wilson Talent Center's (WTC) Criminal Justice program. The vehicle will be used to train students in patrolling campus for parking violations, learning how to make traffic stops, as well as how to make a physical arrest after a traffic stop. This vehicle with approximately 130,000 miles will replace a patrol car previously used by the program that needs to be aged out.

Jason Ferguson, Deputy Chief, serves on the Advisory Board of the Criminal Justice program at the WTC. Advisory board members help direct curriculum, share industry standards, recommend equipment needs and can serve as mentors/class speakers for students. Ferguson and Ingham County Sheriff, Scott Wrigglesworth, delivered the vehicle themselves to the WTC.

"We are very fortunate to have such a great partner in the Ingham County Sheriff's Office," states Noel Garcia, instructor of the program. "This vehicle provides that real-world, hands-on experience that attracts students to this program and the law enforcement field," Garcia also noted.

"Recruitment is key in the law enforcement industry and that recruitment starts in high school, the Wilson Talent Center does a great job of training students for careers in this industry," states Sheriff Wrigglesworth. "To be able to donate this vehicle that will provide students with the opportunity to practice their craft is a wonderful opportunity for our department," Wrigglesworth also said.

The Wilson Talent Center, operated by Ingham Intermediate School District, offers programs for high school juniors and seniors who reside in Dansville, East Lansing, Haslett, Holt, Leslie, Mason, Okemos, Stockbridge, Waverly, Webberville and Williamston. Applications are also accepted from Lansing School District, Fowlerville Community Schools and Eaton and Clinton County schools. For more information, visit Wilson Talent Center at www.inghamisd.org/wtc.

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