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### **TOP 5 FINISH FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT'S TACTICAL SERVICE UNIT**

**WAKE FOREST, NC – October 4, 2011** – The Wake Forest Police Department's Tactical Service Unit (TSU) finished fifth overall in the annual SWAT Competition held in September at the Justice Academy in Salemburg, NC.

Police and sheriff departments from 17 local law enforcement agencies throughout North Carolina participated in the two-day competition. The Raleigh Police Department took first place honors, followed by the Wake County Sheriff's Office, the UNC-Greensboro Police Department, and the Durham County Sheriff's Office.

The Wake Forest Police Department's TSU was created in 1998 as a part-time unit instructed and equipped to respond to major or critical incidents. The TSU's primary responsibilities and services include but are not limited to high risk warrant service, barricaded subjects, and hostage rescue.

TSU members maintain other positions throughout the police department and serve on the unit as added duty. Each member is required to pass a more stringent physical fitness and shooting standard than other officers.

"We're especially proud of the hard work, training, and dedication of these officers," said Capt. D. Abbacchi.

"Several of the teams that competed train and respond to incidents as their primary job function. Conversely, our TSU trains and responds to incidents as a secondary responsibility. For our team to finish in the top five considering that they don't have the opportunity to train full-time is a remarkable feat and brings their accomplishment into a greater perspective."

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