DSP Tour Summary

The Delaware State Police Tour was an exceptional trip and an insightful experience. The first part of the trip was the museum tour of DSP history. The museum tour consisted of everything from fallen officers to the transformation of the uniforms officers wear. On the DSP tour we met officers who ride and care for the DSP horses, those who were a part of special operations, maritime and scuba, aviation, and even the bomb squad division.

First, we went out into the cold air and met the aviation team. They explained various mechanics of the helicopters they use and even showed us how they take care of injured citizens on the helicopter.
With the special operations officer, we had the chance to hold the weapons that are used on duty and try on the very heavy equipment that they use. The scuba team showed us the diving gear they use on missions and explained the rigorous process it takes to get on the team.

Finally, we met an officer who is part of the bomb squad division. He gave us a hands-on tutorial and tested our ability to recognize devices on x-rays. We got a chance to learn about all the equipment in the bomb squad truck and to see how bombs are detected.
What I learned from this experience is that law enforcement is a broad field. From working in the special operations division to the aviation division, there’s a multitude of ways to serve the community through a law enforcement career. Furthermore, I learned that Delaware State Police has such a rich history, but that they are still growing and progressing. Overall, what I got out of this experience is more insight on what careers I could pursue in law enforcement and how to reach my goals.