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Press Release

D.A. MORRISSEY'S BASKETBALL CAMP

Police Chief visits DA Morrissey's Winter Break Basketball Camp



Thirty Stoughton students joined Norfolk DA Michael Morrissey and special guest Police Chief Paul Shastany at the first day of the DA's February Break Basketball Camp at the O'Donnell middle school on Tuesday.

"A basketball camp like this teaches a lot more than on-court skills," Morrissey said after talking to the group with Chief Shastany about 11 a.m. "Teamwork, leadership, friendship, focus, respect – the skills we teach and talk about leave the gym with them at the end of the session."

A State Police Trooper, originally from Stoughton, who works in Morrissey's office was scheduled to join the kids on the second day of the camp. Special guests in years past have included varsity basketball players, coaches and other law enforcement officials. "The more good kids we reach, talk to and support in making solid decisions on their behavior and their lives, the better," Morrissey said.

Morrissey has held summer and winter basketball camps in Stoughton and a small number of other Norfolk County communities since taking office four years ago. Although the cost of the camps is minimal, thanks to adults and older students who volunteer their time, the District Attorney uses funds seized and forfeited in criminal prosecutions to defray the modest cost. "We use money that had been dedicated to undermining and weakening our communities, and we use it to strengthen our communities," Morrissey said.