



Spring, 2008: Officer Jamie Alvis of the Fishers Police Department awards a \$500 scholarship certificate to Hamilton Southeastern High School senior, Patrick Ross Fine, who plans to pursue a law-enforcement related career at Purdue University next fall.

### **FPD-CAAA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP**

The Fishers Police Department Citizens Academy Alumni Association has for the second year awarded a \$500 scholarship to a Hamilton Southeastern or Fishers High School senior interested in pursuing a law-enforcement related career. To be awarded the scholarship; a student must write a 500 word essay and be interviewed by an alumni association scholarship committee and Fishers Police Department Academy coordinator Officer Jamie Alvis.

The Citizens Police Academy program is a twelve-week course open to all Fishers residents. A wide range of law-enforcement topics are explained. Graduates are encouraged to join an alumni association. It is hoped the alumni will increase public awareness and support the Fishers Police Dept. through continuing education and volunteer programs.

The Academy and its alumni are involved in several community activities. It has awarded Sgt. Randy McFarland money for his "Catch and Release" program. Sgt. McFarland accompanies youths on fishing expeditions. The goal for activities such as this is to develop a positive relationship between young people who do not have male role models and law enforcement. The Fishers Freedom Festival and the Renaissance Faire are two major activities for the association. Children and adults alike are given insights into the mission and methods of law enforcement through personal contact. One other community activity which the alumni association does is called the Plane Pull. Alumni and Fishers police officers raise funds for Special Olympics by pulling a plane and competing against other teams to see which team can pull an airliner the farthest distance.

Persons interested in the Citizens Police Academy can contact Officer Jamie Alvis at the Fishers Police Station for upcoming classes. Phone number is (317) 595-3300.