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More than 200 officers attend seminar in Geneva

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Reporter

Over 200 law enforcement officers were in the city of Geneva recently for annual training and education.

"I'm very excited about the turnout and the officers attending have been paying close attention, that shows the quality of the presenters," Geneva County District Attorney Kirke Adams said. "We hope that the officers will use what they have learned in their everyday activity, which makes this entire process better."

The Wiregrass Law Enforcement Seminar was the first of its kind for law enforcement agencies in Geneva County. It was held at the Family Life Center at Maple Avenue Baptist Church in Geneva.

The seminar featured presentations from Assistant Attorney General Bill Lisenby, Liz Martin with the Child Advocacy Center, Brandon Hughes with the Office of Prosecution Services, Marc Crews with the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences and Barry Tucker with the Alabama Bureau of Investigation.

Each year law enforcement officers are required to participate in continuing education classes to maintain their certification. The event allowed offices to obtain credit hours in the Wiregrass. Annual training and education events take place throughout the state during the year.

Adams and District Attorney Doug Valeska decided that a seminar for law enforcement in the Wiregrass would be particularly beneficial due to the tragic events in Geneva County last March.

The seminar gave officers required continuing education hours and helped maintain cohesive working relationships.

Over 40 law enforcement agencies from Houston, Henry, Geneva, Dale, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Montgomery and Pike counties attended.

Dis trict Attorney Kirke Adams addresses an assembly of more than two hundred law enforcement officers from the Wiregrass.