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It's not Coke...

Waxahachie, Texas-What's really in that bottle that appears to be a regular Coke can?

Well after the Civil Air Patrol's Senior Member Weisskopf's class on Drug Demand Reduction (DDR), Waxahachie Talon Composite Squadron cadets now know what's really in that bottle.

Convenient stores have recently been selling what is called alcopops. Alcopops are alcoholic beverages fused with four times the amount of caffeine and sugar that a regular coke would contain. This in turn leads to intoxication happening faster than with a normal alcoholic beverage. Also, a news station did a survey which showed that only four out of six convenient stores even asked for identification when an undercover minor for the news station attempted purchased an alcopop.

After the DDR class, the cadets performed a skit. The purpose of the skit was to let the squadron members know about alcopops and about the damage alcopops can cause.

Senior Member Weisskopf says, "The only way you can tell what you are purchasing is if you read the label and nutrition facts on the bottle closely."

So next time you are at your local convenient store, read the label on your drink to be certain you are purchasing what you want.



SM Weisskopf teaching DDR