

Police learn about ballistics, firearms at local seminar

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Ashford Police Chief Jim Stanley said his attendance at a Wiregrass law enforcement seminar on Thursday helped keep him up-to-date with some of the state's search and seizure laws.

Stanley was part of the second annual Wiregrass Law Enforcement Seminar held in Geneva at Maple Avenue Baptist Church.

Stanley said he also learned about some of the new equipment at the disposal of state firearms examiners. Stanley, who has attended the seminar both years, will likely make a point to return next year.

"It saved the local municipality," Stanley said. "It saved us a pile of money. Here, this school was local and put on by excellent instructors."

Kirke Adams, the district attorney for Dale and Geneva counties, hosted the seminar along with Houston County District Attorney Doug Valeska. Adams said nearly 200 law enforcement officers attended the seminar. Adams wrote in an e-mail



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that the seminar included topics ranging from search and seizure laws to DNA and digital evidence.

Stanley said it prevented area agencies from spending money on hotels to send officers off to classes for their required annual continuing education.

"It's certified continuing education for police officers," Stanley said. "I was able to pick up six hours today. We have to have so many hours each year."