



# YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

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The Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department is seeking to provide an innovative program for youth residing in the Town of Poughkeepsie. The Youth Police Academy has been designed to establish a positive relationship between the Police Department and the Town's youth.

The Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department Youth Police Academy is a 40 hour (8:30am – 4:30pm) five-day opportunity for students entering 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade in September to experience what it is like to be a police officer in the United States today.

The academy has been designed to be a hands-on interactive experience for motivated youth. Attendees have the unique opportunity to interact and learn in a safe environment with law-enforcement officers. Attendees, through team building exercises, classroom instruction, and numerous hands-on training activities will receive an appreciation for the challenges facing police and how police attempt to successfully accomplish their mission in our community.

The goals of the academy are:

- To provide positive interaction with police officers.
- Create a better understanding and communication between young people and police officers.
- To educate young people about some of the challenges and responsibility of police work.

The recruits are introduced to the core functions of policing, including criminal investigations, traffic enforcement, and crime scene processing. The hands on classes and demonstrations will be supplemented by classroom type instruction and field trips. Each session will be taught by highly trained professionals and certified instructors from the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department.

Participants must fill out the Youth Police Academy application; have a good school record, a clear criminal background and parental permission. This program is not intended or designed for children with disciplinary problems. The Youth Police Academy is not a "boot camp" for troubled youth.

Class size is limited to 20 participants. All submitted applications will be reviewed in the order they are received to ensure that each applicant meets the requirements. A background check will be conducted on each applicant who submits a complete application by the deadline.

A waiting list will be established. Applications must be submitted prior to the deadline. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered. ***A limited number of applicants outside of the Town of Poughkeepsie will be considered.***

Application forms are available now. No application will be accepted after 5:00pm on Friday, June 3, 2022. Application forms can be obtained at the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department or the Town of Poughkeepsie web site at [www.townofpoughkeepsie.com](http://www.townofpoughkeepsie.com).

There is no cost for the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department Youth Police Academy.

Completed applications can be dropped off at the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department or mailed to:

Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department  
ATT: Dolores Spero  
19 Tucker Drive  
Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12603

To email your completed application or for more information contact:  
Youth Aide Dolores Spero: [DSpero@townofpoughkeepsie-ny.gov](mailto:DSpero@townofpoughkeepsie-ny.gov) or at 845-485-3688.