

The City of Suffolk Youth Public Safety Academy is designed to build confidence, team work and focus on the duties and responsibilities of public safety personnel in the hopes of establishing respect and trust between those children and professionals.

The purpose of the Youth Public Safety Academy is to introduce at risk youth to public safety professions. The academy will also provide an educational experience that includes hands-on activities based on actual public safety functions and duties. The friendly atmosphere offers positive interaction with public safety that develops an appreciation for their duties and responsibilities.

Prerequisites

1. Must be a student between the ages of 13 and 17 years of age, enrolled and participating in public, private or home school.
2. Student must make an effort to maintain passing grades in all classes.
3. Students must abide by an established dress code, as they will be operating in a professional environment and should be dressed accordingly. Attire may change based on the specific class activity.
4. Students will be required to conduct themselves in a mature and business like manner. Acts of disrespect or horseplay that disrupt the academy will not be tolerated.



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City of Suffolk



YOUTH PUBLIC SAFETY ACADEMY



The City of Suffolk Police Department and Fire Department seeks to positively impact at risk* youth in our community through the institution of a Youth Public Safety Academy.

The Youth Public Safety Academy will emphasize mentoring, education, teambuilding and leadership, as well as community responsibility, while at the same time, allowing youth to explore the exciting career fields in public safety.



*At risk youth is any child with family, school or individual risk factors. Because it is a public safety academy, criminal histories will be reviewed and considered as part of the application process. Some students may be disqualified based on the nature and seriousness of the offense/s.

Scheduled Sessions*:

- Defensive Tactics
- Use of Force
- Handling Fire Hoses
- Police CIRT Team
- Use of Fire Extinguishers
- Constitutional Law
- Narcotics Investigations
- Use of Police K-9
- Ladder Techniques
- Fingerprint Evidence
- Day Camp Trip with Rope Courses
- Entomology-What do bugs have to do with it?
- Tool and Shoe Impressions
- Mock Crime Scene Investigations
- Fires and Confined Spaces
- Ropes, Knots and Rappelling
- Computer Forensics and Internet Safety
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
- Stress Management
- Arson Investigations
- Police/Fire Ride Alongs

***Meals and snacks are provided at each session.**

All classes will be held at Station 3 Fire Station on Whitemarsh Rd.



Dates & Schedule

Dates: October 27, 2009 through January 26, 2009
No Academy on Nov. 24-26 and week of December 18 through January 2nd
Times: 3:30—7 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays

Application deadline:

October 9th, 2009 at 5:00pm.

Applications may be obtained by contacting Fire Marshall Pam King at 514-7542.

Applications should be sent to:

Suffolk Police Department

Attn: Youth Public Safety Academy

P. O. Box 1678

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or hand delivered to: Suffolk Police Administration Building 111 Henley Pl. Suffolk