



PRESS RELEASE

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Livermore Police Department to host Sixth Youth Police Academy. The Livermore Police Department is proud to announce that it will be holding its Sixth Youth Police Academy (YPA) during the month of July 2008.

The Youth Police Academy was designed with four specific goals in mind:

- To create better understanding and communication between young people and police employees
- To enhance the participants' knowledge about law enforcement and the criminal justice system
- To encourage the participants to discuss their youth academy experiences with their peers
- To introduce the participants to possible career opportunities within the criminal justice system

In addition to striving to reach these goals, the academy will employ team building exercises to promote personal growth and development among the participants.

The Youth Police Academy will take place from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays from July 1st through the 31st. These hours were designed so that those students attending summer school would not be excluded.

Each Youth Academy session will be taught by experts in their field. Most of the instructors will be employees of the Livermore Police Department with some instructors coming from outside the department. Some of the topics to be covered will be:

The Criminal Justice System, Traffic Laws, Juvenile Laws, Drug Alcohol, and Tobacco Awareness, Search and Seizure, Laws of Arrest, Gangs, School Violence and Terrorism, Internal Affairs, Ethics, Patrol Procedures, Crime Scene Investigation, and Fingerprinting.

Some of the planned events outside the classroom include:

- A field trip to the Pleasanton Courthouse including a conversation with a presiding judge.
- CPR training certifying each participant in adult CPR.
- A "Career Development Day" during which job seeking skills will be taught.
- A "Demo Day" during which the participants will observe demonstrations by the SWAT team and K9 Unit. An added feature of the day will be the opportunity to experience a "Shoot/Don't Shoot" simulator that is used to train LPD officers.

The Youth Police Academy is open to anyone between 14 and 17 years of age. Participants must live in the City of Livermore, and each participant must pass a limited background investigation. The Youth Academy will be limited to 25 participants to ensure the quality of the program.

In order to attend the Youth Police Academy, participants must complete an application and a questionnaire. The applications and questionnaires can be downloaded from the department's website www.livermorepolice.org, from the kiosk at the police station, or by contacting Sgt. John Hurd.

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