



CHRISTIAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE YOUTH ACADEMY

A MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF BRAD COLE

The Sheriff's Youth Academy is conducted by the Christian County Sheriff's Office. It is a free course designed to familiarize young individuals with various aspects of community law enforcement. The Academy focuses on administrative philosophy, internal policies and guiding principles of law and ethical conduct governing the delivery of police services in our community. The Academy is designed to engage the children in real-world scenarios and instruction on the different roles a law enforcement official can be faced with. It also allows them to see how the Deputies fulfill the mission every day for the Citizens of Christian County.

Community policing is a philosophy, not a program or project. We cannot have a government of the people if we do not include the people in everything we do, including law enforcement. The Christian County Sheriff's Office is committed to reaching out and developing working partnerships with citizens, businesses and community organizations. The Sheriff's Youth Academy is a method of educating the public on what Deputies do and why they do it. It also helps to break-down barriers of communication and develops trust between citizens and law enforcement agencies.

The Academy's team of instructors is made up of actual Deputies and other specialized law enforcement personnel who provide in-depth discussions and demonstrations about their individual areas of expertise. The Academy curriculum retains many of the core elements essential for participants to gain a better understanding of law enforcement operations. As a result of their participation, students are able to make more informed judgments about their Sheriff's Office and its daily operations. The Sheriff's Office also benefits from the Academy because it allows us to gain a better understanding of the views and concerns of our young people.

Our hope is to be recognized as the area's leading Youth Academy by offering knowledgeable speakers, interesting demonstrations and unique hands-on experiences that are rarely available to the average citizen. During our Academy, students are also eligible to participate in a four-hour ride along, where they can go 'on patrol' with an actual Deputy for a rare 'behind-the-scenes' look at real-life law enforcement.

Upon completion, students will be awarded a certification of completion on the final afternoon. As an Academy graduate we will continue to network with one another well beyond your time in our classroom and we encourage your opinions, input and suggestions about local issues and our service to our citizens.

Class size is limited to 10 students per class and registration is on a first come, first served basis. If you have additional questions you may contact Captain Rocky Seiner at the Christian County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Brad Cole

INTRODUCTION

The Sheriff's Youth Academy is a 2-day instruction program designed to give participants a working knowledge of the Christian County Sheriff's Office. This free program gives participants an in-depth, educational, and often exciting hands-on look behind the scenes of law enforcement work in their community.

IMPORTANCE OF THE SHERIFF'S YOUTH ACADEMY

Community oriented policing is an important and vital part in reducing crime in any community. One major objective of the program is to have graduates become partners with the Christian County Sheriff's Office to identify problems and solutions to crime issues that affect Christian County. Academy graduates take their knowledge back to their neighborhoods where it can be used to enhance the quality of life in our community.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Classes are held on two consecutive Saturdays, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The Sheriff's Youth Academy is held once each year.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

The Sheriff's Youth Academy is open to participants that meet the following requirements:

- ❖ Must be attending High School, (Grades 9 – 12)
- ❖ Anyone that lives in or attends school in Christian County
- ❖ Have a desire to enter a career of law enforcement or public safety
- ❖ Be in good standing within their school and maintaining at least a 2.5 GPA
- ❖ Must not be a convicted felon or have a lengthy or violent criminal history; applicants must pass a criminal history check before admittance into the program
- ❖ No person under the influence of alcohol or other substances will be allowed to participate
- ❖ No weapons will be permitted in the classroom or during any exercise
- ❖ Casual wear for classroom and exercises (you will be provided an Academy shirt)
- ❖ Business casual during the ride-along
- ❖ Students will conduct themselves in a manner to positively reflect Christian County Sheriff's Office
- ❖ Students who come under criminal investigation should remove themselves from the program until the investigation is concluded
- ❖ No more than 2 hours can be missed in order to graduate

The Sheriff's Youth Academy is not a physically demanding program.

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Print an application from our website at christiancountysheriff.net, or you can pick up a copy at the Sheriff's Office at 110 West Elm, Room 70, Ozark, Missouri. You may also call Katie at: 417-582-5330, email her at: kamador@christiancountysheriff.net.