

What is a “Citizens’ Police Academy for Youth?”

The Citizen’s Police Academy for Youth is a one-week program designed to provide Gaston County children, ages 12-15, first hand information about how the Police Department functions.

Academy participation requires a one-week commitment. Classes are held Monday thru Friday and are six hours in duration.

The classes will be held at the Gaston County Police Department, 420 W. Franklin Blvd. Gastonia, unless otherwise specified.

What subjects are included?

Sessions begin with a presentation of the Police Department’s philosophy regarding Community Oriented Policing. Subsequent sessions include classes on the following topic areas:

- Communications
- Community Policing
- Patrol Procedures
- Criminal Investigations
- Emergency Response Team
- Teen Court
- Boat Patrol
- Criminal Law
- Recruitment & Selection
- Special Investigations
- Crime Scene Investigations
- Hazardous Devices Unit
- K-9 Unit
- Fatal Vision

Throughout the program, participants are encouraged to ask questions and discuss topics with instructors.

What is the purpose of the Academy?

The Academy is designed to increase understanding between youth and police through education. Our intent is to acquaint youth with law enforcement’s role in the criminal justice system and provide increased understanding of issues faced by police officers on a daily basis.

Who teaches the Academy Session?

Instructors are sworn officers and personnel from the Department who teach in their own area of expertise. Each officer has years of classroom training and field experience in their subject area.

How are participants selected?

The selection process attempts to reflect a balanced representation of the various races and cultural groups within Gaston County. This includes males and females, as well as individuals from various ethnic, civic, and cultural groups. Applications will be accepted based on recommendations from the youth’s teachers, Guidance Counselor, and Assistant Principal. These three recommendations must accompany the application if it is to be considered. Fourteen individuals will be selected from the applicant pool. Final approval of applicants shall be at the discretion of the Academy Coordinator. Individuals will be notified by the Academy Coordinator if they are selected.

How to apply?

Send or bring the application on the right, along with recommendations, to our headquarters at 420 West Franklin Boulevard, Gastonia, NC. You will be notified if you are selected for the next session. There is no fee for the Academy.

Application

Name _____

Address _____

Date of Birth _____

School Presently Enrolled _____

Email Address _____

Mother’s Name _____

Home# _____ Work# _____

Father’s Name _____

Home _____ Work# _____

Doctor’s/Office Name _____

Phone# _____

1st Emergency Contact _____

Home# _____ Alternate# _____

2nd Emergency Contact _____

Home# _____

Alternate# _____

Adult T-Shirt Size _____

Gaston County Police

Value Statement

F = Fairness
I = Integrity
R = Respect
S = Service
T = Trust

For information, contact:

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