2018 YOUTH POLICE PROGRAM







The American Legion - Department of Illinois

This program is a function of, and is coordinated by, the Department Safety, Law and Order Committee, in conjunction with the Illinois State Police AND Illinois National Guard.



YOUTH POLICE CLASS OF 2017

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT COMMANDER ROBERT HENDERSON

ILLINOIS STATE POLICE

Director	Leo Schmitz
Academy Commander	Chris Campbell
Program Coordinators	S/A Melissa Uhles

HISTORY OF YOUTH POLICE PROGRAM

The Youth Police Program was developed by the Department Safety, Law & Order Committee, in conjunction with the Illinois State Police in a meeting at the State Police Academy in October of 1971.

The first program was conducted at the State Police Academy in Springfield, from July 23 through July 29, 1972. This group consisted of 49 teen-age boys representing all divisions of the Department of Illinois. The program proved to be most successful, and all agreed that it should be continued. Effective 2001 - The Department of Military Affairs became a co-sponsor of the program.

The primary purpose of the Youth Police Program is to establish an inter-personal relationship between the youth of our State and Law Enforcement Officers, in order to create a better understanding of the problems and attitudes of both groups, and to develop a rapport between youth and the police.

It is our intention that the youth attending this program need not necessarily be interested in a career in Law Enforcement. In fact, we feel that those youths who do not seem to have vocational or scholastic direction may benefit the most from this program. It is really our desire to recruit the average youth representing all communities and cultural backgrounds in the State of Illinois in an effort to rekindle in our youth the fading respect for persons empowered with the responsibility of enforcing the law at all levels of government.

This goal can be better accomplished by exposing these youths to Law Enforcement with an opportunity to objectively witness the rigid training and standards set forth in law enforcement today. The program gives the participant the opportunity to seek answers to questions that will help them better understand why police officers take certain actions that may directly or indirectly affect them. During this program these youths are each given an opportunity and encouraged to express their feelings and views, both in classroom situations and in the daily informational sessions with their police counselors.

Finally, it is our desire that each youthful participant shall return to their community with a clearer

understanding of the police and their problems. We are confident that this program will instill in these youth a new found respect for the police, and that when they return to their communities and friends, they will "tell it like it is."



2018 PROGRAM

There is one group making up the 2017 program. This group includes both males and females. The number of attendees is limited to 60.

- * Group No. 116
- * June 24 through June 29, 2018
- Males and Females ages 14 through 16
- * Arrive at 10:00 A.M., Sunday, June 24, 2018
- Parent Orientation 10:00 A.M.
- Graduation Friday, June 29, 2018 **

Questions? Contact S/A Melissa Uhles of the Illinois State Police at 618-779-9668 and Safety, Law & Order Committee Chairman Delmar Buske 217-556-9555

Graduation ceremonies shall be conducted at the Regional Training Center located at 3710 E. Lake Shore Dr., Springfield, IL 62712. Program participants shall be awarded a Certificate of Attendance. Legion members, family and friends of participants are invited and encouraged to attend the ceremony.

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

SELECTION PROCESS

- 1. The allocation of participants will be selected on a first come, first serve basis. It is imperative that applications be submitted to your Division Chairman to be considered for participation in the program. Applications received directly by Department Headquarters will be returned to the Division Chairman for proper recording of applications within their Division.
- 2. Applications must be received by the Division Chairman (listed on the back page of this brochure) no later than May 29, 2018.
- 3. Vacancies occurring after May 29, 2018will be filled at the discretion of the Safety, Law & Order Committee.



Educational Sessions

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Applicant sponsor must be approved by Local American Legion Post within the Dept. of IL.
- 2. Males and females must be 14 through 16. Participants must have reached their 14th birthday, but not have reached their 17th birthday by June 24, 2018.
- 3. Must be in good physical condition, capable of enduring strenuous physical training.
- 4. Parent or guardian <u>must</u> sign a release of liability for the State Police.
- 5. In the event of disciplinary action that requires removal of a youth from the program, the parents will be notified and responsible to arrange for their return transportation.

SPONSORING POST

The post sponsoring an applicant shall assume the following responsibilities:

- 1. Recruit and interview applicant to determine whether they meet the qualifications set forth by this Committee. (Previous participants in this program are not eligible.)
- 2. Verify all information on the application.
- 3. The Post must assume financial sponsorship of the applicant. A check in the amount of \$250.00 must accompany the application. This sponsorship fee shall cover clothing, food, lodging, insurance, awards and administration of the program. The check should be made payable to "The American Legion Youth Police Program."
- 4. Request for refunds should be made through your Division Chairman after June 30, 2018.

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

- 1. Parents or legal guardian are responsible to determine their child's physical fitness to attend the program. Applications must be signed by parent or legal guardian.
- 2. The parent or legal guardian must provide the youth with transportation to and from Springfield. If the youth is to arrive via public transportation, it shall be the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian to notify the Department Safety, Law and Order Committee chairman of the mode of transportation and the time of arrival at least one (1) week prior to the group starting date so that pickup arrangements can be made. Parents or legal guardians, if accompanying an applicant, must arrive on the designated day at 10:00 A.M..



Physical Training







TEACHING
LEARNING
EXPERIENCING
RESPECTING
EMPOWERING
TRUSTING
ENJOYING













The Youth Police
Program, Illinois
State Police and
National Guard
teaches trust,
confidence, strength
and how to work
together as
a Team.



THE AMERICAN LEGION ILLINOIS STATE POLICE ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD

YOUTH POLICE PROGRAM

STATE POLICE ACADEMY, SPRINGFIELD, IL - JUNE 24 THROUGH JUNE 29, 2018

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

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HEIGHT WEIGHT	COLOR OF HAIR	COLOR OF EYES	
ADULT SIZE T-SHIRT (S) (M)	(L) (XL)		
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HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER	CITY_		
LOCAL RADIO STATION	CITY_		
HOBBIES			
FAVORITE SPORT	FAVORITE SCHOOL S	UBJECT	
Do you have, or have you had a job? Yes	S No		
If Yes, what type of work?			
What type of career do you plan?			
Why?			
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EXPLANATIONS:		
PARENTAL CONSENT: As a parent or court appointed guardian of participate in The American Legion Youth Polisuch medical treatment or diagnostic procedures care provider as shall be designated by an au POLICE PROGRAM." Please include any spec application and make sure the student does not I RECOMMEND FULL PHYSICAL.	ce Program, and it as may be deementhorized staff medication recot bring no more ACTIVITY, UNI	in the event of injury or sickness, authorize ed advisable, to be performed by such health ember of The American Legion "YOUTH quired by the participant on the front of the than \$20. LESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.
	Signature o	of Parent/Guardian
	Address	
	City	State Zip Code

As a parent or court appointed guardian of the applicant, I assume all risks and liability pertaining to any

Area Code

Phone No.

PERSONAL ARTICLES



The American Legion Youth Police Program will furnish each participant with:

- 1. T-shirts, 3 each
- 2. Cap (with Legion emblem), 1 each
- 3. Notebook and paper

- 4. Three meals daily
- 5. Bedding, Pillow, Towels and washcloths
- 6. Co insurance coverage for program participants during the designated week



Parents and Applicants Please Read To be furnished by each participant:

- 1. 4 pairs blue jeans, WITH NO HOLES OR PATCHES, NOT BAGGY (1 good pair for graduation)
- 2. **Belt** (*must be worn at all times with jeans*)
- 3. Worn Daily; Gym clothing is needed for one week (1-2 changes is recommended) NO SPANDEX OR TANK TOPS. Must wear white athletic socks.
- 4. Gym shoes with eyelets (must have shoe strings and shoes are to be laced up from bottom to top - no Velcro wrap around)

- 5. Adequate supply of underwear and socks for one week (Females must wear bras)
- 6. Swimming attire & towel—NO Bikini Allowed
- 7. Toilet articles (deodorant, tooth brush, tooth paste, shaving equipment, hair dryer, soap, etc.)
- 8. If desired, a camera
- (Parents) Copy of Insurance Card to be submitted with application.



Parents and Applicants Please Read Items NOT to be brought to school:

- 1. No electronic games, cell phones, ipods, or mp3 5. No clothes with gang representation, alcohol or players
- 2. Food, gum, cigarettes, playing cards, dice or any gambling paraphernalia
- 3. No jewelry except wrist watches
- 4. No knives

- tobacco emblems, vulgar sayings, ripped or in bad repair
- 6. No more than \$20 per student
- 7. No personal vehicles or keys (16 year olds)

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Program activities have been developed to explain the laws, philosophy and standards of the criminal justice system. The following is a general outline of some of the program activities.

- 1. PHYSICAL TRAINING.
- 2. Athletic activities include volleyball and baseball.
- 3. Educational sessions conducted by Academy staff and guest lecturers representing various areas of law enforcement
- 4. Para-military conduct expected.

NOTE:

- **⊃** For additional activities PLEASE send or bring no more than \$20.00. Money and cell phones shall be collected by Staff for safe keeping.
- **○** Each participant shall be required to shower at least once daily. Showers are open, not individual. Hair must be neat and clean; long hair must be pulled back or worn up. No facial hair.



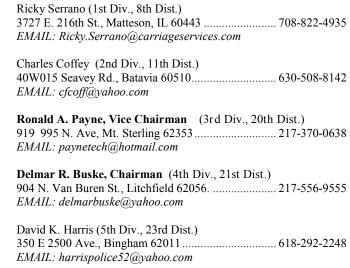
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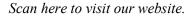
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SAFETY, LAW & ORDER COMMITTEE







NOTE:

All applications must be sent to the Division Chairman no later than May 29, 2018. Name and address of your Safety, Law and Order Committee Division Chairman listed above.



