What is the Youth Citizens’ Police Academy?

The Youth Citizens’ Police Academy is designed to provide young men and women an idea of the requirements and responsibilities of a career in law enforcement. The course includes information on police training and operations, community issues as well as safety and support services inside the police department; and helps students understand how they can help make our community safer.

The Youth Citizens’ Police Academy is an outreach program by The Winston-Salem Police Department to improve understanding and interaction between police and youth.

Requirements:

- Applicants must be Forsyth County residents, current middle or high school students (public, private or home schooled.)
- Applicants will be expected to attend all sessions.
- Applicants must submit at least one letter of recommendation from a non-family member who is over 21.
- Applications and recommendations must be submitted online by June 2, 2023. Class size limited to first 20 applicants.

Accepting Applications Now.

All application materials must be received by Friday, June 2, 2023 or until class is full.

If you have any questions, contact Officer RayVonia T. Hawkins at 336-416-5816 or e-mail rhawkins@wspd.org

"The Youth Citizens’ Police Academy is an exceptional opportunity for today's youth - tomorrow's leaders - to learn about the critical role and functioning of the police in the community. It will provide detailed information and exposure regarding how the WSPD serves the citizens and community. It will discuss the responsibility that police and citizens have in improving the quality of life for everyone."

Police Chief William H. Penn, Jr.

June 12-16, 2023
Alexander R. Beaty Public Safety Training and Support Center
1200 N. Patterson Ave. Winston-Salem

June 12-16, 2023
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

All sessions are free. The meetings will be held at the Alexander R. Beaty Public Safety Training and Support Center (1200 N. Patterson Ave.). Lunch will be provided.

Topics will include:
- Canine Demonstration
- Forensic Services
- SWAT Team
- Youth Safety
- Service Project
- Drone Unit Demonstration