The Crestview Police Department proudly provides innovative and exciting programs for the city’s young people. Our Community Service Division’s Youth Academy is such a program. Taught by professional, trained and certified law enforcement officers, it is designed to establish a positive relationship between the Police Department and local youth and their families.

The Youth Academy’s goals are to:

- Enhance responsible citizenship
- Provide positive interaction with police officers
- Educate kids about the challenges and responsibilities of police work
- Encourage young people to take part in other youth programs offered by the Police Department, such as the Law Enforcement Explorers.

The 2019 Crestview Police Youth Academy is a one-week, Monday through Friday program, running July 15-19. There are two daily sessions Monday through Thursday:
- 8 a.m. to noon for younger children ages 7 to 9
- 1 to 5 p.m. for older children ages 10 to 15

Graduation, including food, games and displays, is Friday, July 19, 9 a.m. to noon.

Please note the following important information about the Crestview Police Youth Academy:

- Okaloosa County children between the ages of 7 and 15 are eligible to attend.
- Students who have previously enrolled in the academy are welcome to return and participate in the program again. However, if enrollment is high, new participants will be given priority placement.
- Students will attend classroom sessions and activities with lectures, presentations, role-playing and demonstrations conducted by police officers.
- All academy activities are closely supervised by certified law enforcement officers.
- Students will meet trained K9s and their handlers, and will have opportunities to touch, sit in, and in some cases, handle police equipment including vehicles, weapons, protective clothing, crime scene tools and police training aids.
- Students should wear comfortable athletic attire and sneakers/tennis shoes. An academy uniform shirt, carry bag and water bottle will be provided, which students who complete the academy are welcome to keep.
- Enrollment is open for a limited time.
- There is no enrollment fee or class fees.
- There are only 25 openings for each age group. Sessions are filled on a first come, first served basis.
- All classes meet at Warriors Hall, adjacent to the Police Department in the Whitehurst Municipal Building, 201 Stillwell Blvd. Some activities and demonstrations will be conducted outside, weather permitting. Graduation from both academies is Friday, July 19, from 9 a.m. to noon. at the large pavilion in Spanish Trail Park.

To apply for this year’s academy, complete and sign the application, have it notarized, and mail or deliver it to the Crestview Police Department, Attn: Community Services, 201 Stillwell Blvd., Crestview FL 32539-2221. Each child must also submit a brief statement between 50-150 words explaining why he or she wants to attend the academy. You will be contacted if your child(ren) is/are accepted into the academy. Applications are accepted only until July 10. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

For information, please contact Officer Wanda Hulion, 305.728.282, or Officer Sam Kimmons, 612.1832.
CRESTVIEW POLICE YOUTH ACADEMY

APPLICATION & RELEASE • ACADEMY DATES: JULY 15-19, 2019

This form must be completed in full, signed in ink below and notarized in order for your child(ren) to participate in the Crestview Police Youth Academy. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Please print clearly or type. Your child (not you) must write a 50-150 word statement stating why s/he wants to enroll in the Crestview Police Youth Academy. Be sure the child's name is on the statement and attach it to this application. A separate application and statement must be submitted for each child.

CHILD'S LAST NAME __________________________ FIRST NAME __________________________

ADDRESS ____________________________________________________________

CITY __________________________ STATE ______ ZIP CODE ______

HOME PHONE NUMBER __________________________ EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER __________________________

CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH __________________________ AGE ______ CHILD'S SCHOOL __________________________ GRADE ______

PARENT'S EMAIL ADDRESS __________________________ CHILD'S T-SHIRT SIZE __________________________

HEALTH CONCERNS/LIMITATIONS, IF ANY

Every effort will be made to place your child(ren) in the age-appropriate class. However, if space is unavailable in the preferred class, your child will be assigned to the other class.

PARENT OR GUARDIAN’S PERMISSION IS MANDATORY FOR EACH CHILD (PLEASE PRINT)

I, (PRINT YOUR NAME) __________________________ , AM THE PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN OF

(PRINT CHILD'S FULL NAME) __________________________ (HEREIN REFERRED TO AS THE CHILD) AND CERTIFY THAT I AM

OVER 18 YEARS OF AGE AND RESIDE AT (PRINT YOUR ADDRESS) __________________________ ________________

(PRINT YOUR CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE)

Your application will not be accepted if it is not signed below by a parent or guardian, or is not notarized.

In consideration of, and for the permission and authority of my child to participate in the Crestview Police Youth Academy, which I understand includes classroom instruction and physical activities, I hereby release and forever discharge, and shall hold harmless and indemnify the Crestview Police Department, the City of Crestview, Florida, and its agents, servants and employees (collectively hereinafter referred to as the city) from all actions, causes of actions, suits, debts, sums of money, accounts, damages, judgments, claims and demands whatsoever which I or my child, or our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns may have now or in the future against the city arising out of my child's participation in the Crestview Police Youth Academy, including but not limited to the aforementioned activities and any acts related thereto. This release may not be changed orally.

SIGNED (IN INK) __________________________ DATE __________________________

PHOTO RELEASE: Photos of Crestview Police Youth Academy activities, and participants in such activities, may be taken by Police Department staff during the course of the academy. Photos may be used on the Police Department’s website, Facebook page, in media releases and to promote future Youth Academies. I give my permission for my child to be photographed while participating in the Youth Academy.

SIGNED (IN INK) __________________________ DATE __________________________

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF __________________________

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this __________________________ day of __________________________ , 2019,

by (name of person making statement):

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Signature of Notary Public, State of Florida

☑ Personal known OR
☑ Produced identification. Type of identification produced:

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