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BPD ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FIRST TEEN POLICE ACADEMY

The Bloomington Police Department has developed a Teen Police Academy and will be conducting the first class this summer.

The program is designed to introduce teenagers ages 13-17 to general law enforcement duties and, specifically, the operations of the Bloomington Police Department. **The course will be held Monday, July 27th through Friday, July 31st from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day at the Public Safety Training Center.** There is a \$25.00 fee for the program, but scholarships are available for those unable to pay. Transportation to and from the facility will be the responsibility of the participant. Daily class activities will include lectures, demonstrations and interactive opportunities designed to entertain, engage and instruct participants.

The course will be taught by members of the Bloomington Police Department and will include officers with over twenty-five (25) years of experience as well as newer officers who have just completed training.

Topics to be covered include:

-History of BPD

-Physical Fitness

-Equipment and Uniforms

- Patrol Procedures
- Vehicle Stops
- Emergency Vehicle Operations
- Hostage Negotiations
- Firearms Safety
- Defensive Tactics
- Officer Safety Issues
- K-9
- Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT)
- Bloomington Police Explorers

"This program is very similar to the Citizen's Police Academy we do that always receives positive reviews. We see this as a good way to interact with the youth of the community by teaching them about law enforcement and it could end up being an excellent recruiting tool for those who have an interest in becoming future officers with the Bloomington Police Department," said Chief Michael Diekhoff.

The Teen Police Academy will be limited to 48 students. The registration and information packet can be picked up at the Bloomington Police Department located at 220 E. 3rd Street. **The deadline for registrations is Friday, July 3rd.**

Questions regarding the Teen Police Academy can be directed to Lt. Steven Kellams at the Bloomington Police Department at (812) 339-4477 or by email at kellamss@bloomington.in.gov

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