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Linden Police to Host Summer Youth Academy

Linden – The Linden Police Department is proud to announce that we will host our first annual Youth Academy this summer.

The Academy is open to Linden youth graduating grades 6th through 8th. They will meet daily from 8am - 3pm beginning on Monday, July 23rd and conclude with a commencement ceremony on Friday, July 27th.

“These children are the future of our community, said Police Chief David Hart. “By working with officers in unique settings like this we hope to build lasting, cooperative relationships and perhaps even inspire our next generation of police officers.”

The Academy will include a series of lectures and hands-on skills performances given by Linden Police Officers, as well as interactive demonstrations by the Union County Sheriff's Department, the Union County Emergency Response Team, Linden Fire Department, and the NJSP NorthStar Medevac Helicopter team.

Linden Mayor Derek Armstead praised the unique experience offered by The Academy as an important investment in our future.

“For some of us, especially young people, it can sometimes be difficult to appreciate the challenges faced by our police officers,” said the Mayor. “Giving students an opportunity to understand why things are done a particular way, and letting them get to know officers on a personal level will undoubtedly have a tremendous impact in their lives and in our community for years to come.”

Applications for the Linden Police Department Youth Academy are available on the department website, http://www.linden-nj.org/_Content/pdf/forms/2018-Youth-Academy-Application-Package.pdf Completed applications must be returned to the Police Desk at the Linden Police Department, 301 N. Wood Ave, by Monday, April 30th. Linden students can attend the Academy free of charge, but space is limited. Please contact Detective Leon Paster at (908) 474-8520 for more information.