

Tomball Police Department **Youth Police Academy**

Vision:

The Tomball Police Department is dedicated to the preservation of the life, liberty and freedom of the citizens and visitors that reside in and travel through our community. It is the intent of the Tomball Police Department to build, strengthen and maintain strong character, integrity and ethics within our community. We will accomplish this goal through the sharing of knowledge, education and professional pride with the youth of our community.

The Mission:

The mission of the Youth Police Academy is to create a positive relationship between the youth of our community and the law enforcement profession. By doing so, we will make the City of Tomball a better place to live, work and play.

What is the Youth Police Academy?

The Youth Police Academy is a tool used to build positive, professional working relationships with the youth who reside in our community.

The Tomball Police Department has found that sharing knowledge pertaining to police practices, policies and procedures with the youth in our community is one of the most efficient ways to build strong relationships that benefit both the community and the police department. This relationship is a positive, professional working relationship, one where information is shared and knowledge is gained.

The Youth Police Academy will peak the interest of the student by introducing him/her to the world of law enforcement and giving him/her hands on experience pertaining to law related issues. The Tomball Police Department wants the student to learn about our police department on a personnel and professional level, gain insight into the complex nature of the profession, and have fun.

What will the Youth Police Academy teach you?

The Youth Police Academy will consist of five days of instruction. Each day will address a specific aspect of what a police officer does in the line of duty. The main goal of the Youth Academy is to introduce the student to the many different facets of the law enforcement profession while at the same time instilling a sense of pride and respect in themselves and the community. Ethics and integrity is a must!

Who may attend?

Any students attending **high school** within the area of the City of Tomball and or Home Schooled students who reside within the area of the City of Tomball may attend the Youth Police Academy. High School age children of Tomball police officer's are also invited to attend.

Requirements:

The Tomball Police Department is looking for students who have demonstrated good citizenship, have served as a positive role model or have shown the potential to become leaders within the youth community.

Dress Attire:

Students must dress appropriately. Keep in mind that you are representing youth leadership and the Tomball Police Department.

This is a hands on class that will involve interaction with other students, police officers and the community. The class will be conducted in a classroom setting, as well as in the field.

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Tomball Police Department Youth Police Academy. Because the program demands the very best from its participants, students must meet the following qualifications:

1. Complete and turn in all paperwork associated with the Academy by May 15th 2009, no later than 5pm to the Tomball Police Station.
2. Student must be of high school age with a minimum "C" grade point average.
3. Include a letter explaining why the student should be considered for this program.
4. Applicants must not have been arrested or referred to juvenile probation for any felony crime or have been arrested for crimes of moral turpitude.
5. Print all information on application to the best of your knowledge. Applicant and, applicant's parent must both sign application.
6. Complete release of liability form, signed by student and parent, and return to the Tomball Police Department.
7. Represent yourself as a leader, not only while the academy is in session, but while in public as well.
8. Observe and follow all instructions given during class by staff members.
9. Complete all assignments given by staff members.
10. Have good attendance.
11. Be positive and respectful to other class members and staff.
12. A complete background check will be conducted on each applicant. Selection will be determined based upon content of application, letter, outcome of background check and school record.

If you are selected, you will receive an information packet regarding the Academy, including an itinerary and list of things to bring, as well as the code of conduct for the Academy. There is no cost associated with the Academy. The Tomball Police Department will sponsor each cadet. Thank you for being a part of a wonderful opportunity that will strengthen and build positive relationships between the youth of our community and the law enforcement profession.

Sincerely,

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Tomball Police Department
Youth Police Academy
Code of Conduct

1. Breaks will be given one time per hour.
2. Students are required to follow the instructions given by the classroom instructor.
3. Students are required to obey all instructions and directions given by the Academy instructors. Entrance into restricted areas without consent of the instructor is forbidden.
4. Should a student become injured during the academy he/she must report the incident to the instructor or director immediately.
5. Students are not peace officers and should not attempt to present themselves as peace officers nor should a student attempt to enforce any law violations or other legal situations.
6. Student should avoid obscene, vulgar or profane language at all times.
7. Student should conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times.

Dress Code:

The academy has been developed to give each student the best possible learning experience. Therefore, it is necessary that a dress code be developed and followed by each of the class members.

Students must present themselves in a neat and well-groomed manner. As a safety precaution should not wear jewelry, large belt buckles or earrings while participating in hands on activities/lab.

Tomball Police Department Youth Police Academy Registration Form

Full Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Street Address _____

Home Phone Number _____

Cell Phone Number _____

E-Mail _____

Drivers License Number _____

School Attending _____

Grade _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? **Yes** **No**

If yes, please explain.

Your reason for wanting to attend our Youth Police Academy:

**A brief narrative about yourself (hobbies, interest, involvement, etc.)
Attach a copy to this document if necessary.**

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Notary Signature: _____

Date: _____

Tomball Police Department
Student Behavior Contract

Print Name: _____

The purpose of this contract is to inform the above named student that he/she must comply with all provisions of the Tomball Police Department Youth Police Academy and to the specific terms set forth in this contract. The student understands that due to the nature of this academy there will be a zero tolerance rule in effect. Undesirable conduct such as horseplay or a violation of the Student Conduct of Code will result in the immediate removal of the student from the academy. This contract represents an agreement by the student that he/she received a copy of the Code of Conduct and the student agrees to adhere to this Code of Conduct at all times while enrolled in the Tomball Police Department Youth Police Academy.

Cadet Signature: _____

Date: _____

Tomball Police Department Liability Release Form

I, the undersigned, (Parent's Name) _____, residing at (Address) _____, County of _____, State of _____, being a parent or legal guardian of (Participant's Name) _____, do hereby give my permission for him/her to attend the Youth Police Academy and in consideration of allowing him/her to participate in the above mentioned program.

Voluntarily and knowingly release and discharge the Youth Police Academy, City of Tomball, the Tomball Police Department's employees, agents, successors, assigns, and all others who may be liable from all claims, present and future, known or unknown, in any manner arising out of his/her participation in the Youth Police Academy.

I also acknowledge that (Participant's Name) _____ has no limiting medical conditions and is fully capable of participating in the program.

I appoint the Tomball Police Department to act in my place, in the event that (Participant's Name) _____ should require medical attention while involved in the Youth Police Academy program. This appointment is for the purpose of securing benefits for the health and welfare of (Participant's Name) _____ and expressly includes the authority to sign releases to physicians who may render emergency medical care and services. I promise to assume liability for payment of all such professional services, and to reimburse the City of Tomball for any expense that may be incurred for treatment, care, drugs, and other services for (Participant's Name) _____.

In consideration of all above as well as the supervision provided on my behalf and on the behalf of (Participant's Name) _____. I hereby agree to hold the Tomball Police Department, City of Tomball employees, agent, successors, assigns, its agents and all other who may be liable, harmless for any decision it may make in connection with the care and treatment of (Participant's Name) _____.

I agree that if the above-mentioned participant's behavior is such that it endangers the welfare of the entire group; the Tomball Police Department has my permission to send him/her home.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Address

Home Phone

City State

Work Phone

Zip

Cell Phone

Subscribed and sworn before me this ____ day of _____ 20__

Notary Information and signature _____