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HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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One week left to register for HCPD Youth Police Academy

The Howard County Police Department is encouraging local teenagers to participate in the 2016 Youth Police Academy, which takes place July 24-29. The registration deadline for the free, one-week overnight academy is April 22.

The academy is designed to help young people explore career and leadership opportunities, life skills, and character education. Participants spend the week learning the many skills needed to be successful police officers through daily classroom instruction, role playing and practical exercises.

Participants will participate in and learn about drill and ceremony, physical training, classroom instruction and practical exercises in patrol techniques, domestic violence investigations, crime-scene processing and execution of traffic stops. They also use a driving simulator, a distracted-driver course, attend Special Operations presentations, participate in team-building exercises and enjoy a field night. The overnight accommodations include meals and uniforms.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- be between the ages of 15 and 18;
- have at least a 2.0 grade point average;
- provide a letter of recommendation from a faculty member at his or her school;
- submit a typed essay with the application, stating why he or she wants to participate;
- have a complete physical examination prior to the start of the academy; and
- pass a background examination and have had no adverse police contact.

Although there is no residency requirement, preference will be given to Howard County residents. The academy is held at the James N. Robey Public Safety Training Center in Marriottsville,

Applications may be obtained at Howard County public high schools by contacting the school resource officer, or by visiting the police department's website at HCPD.org.

Completed applications should be emailed to policeyouth@howardcountymd.gov (preferred) or mailed to: Howard County Police Department, Youth Services Section, Attn: PFC Nicole Fulton, 3525 Ellicott Mills Drive, Suite L., Ellicott City, MD, 21043. For more information, call the Youth Services Section at 410-313-2620. A downloadable brochure is also available at HCPD.org.

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