

York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy for Youth (SCA for Youth)

What is the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy for Youth?

The Sheriff's Citizens Academy for Youth is a weeklong class that provides insight into the operations of the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office. During this one-week, seven hour per day curriculum, sheriff's office executives, veteran sheriff deputies and supervisors, and civilians will instruct you on a variety of subjects pertaining to law enforcement. The participants (students) will have the opportunity to meet with Sheriff Montgomery and his staff members. The purpose of this academy is to:

- Increase understanding through education and interaction with members of the Sheriff's Office.
- Provide young citizens with the opportunity to learn why deputies "can" and/ or "cannot" do certain things.
- Increase law enforcement awareness to dispel suspicions and misconceptions, an increase community awareness and build a positive rapport with the community members.
- Create and develop a growing nucleus of responsible, well-informed youth citizens.
- Build a lasting and productive partnership between our Sheriff's Office and the communities that we proudly serve.

How do I apply?

The Sheriff's Citizens Academy for Youth is intended for **youth between the ages of 14 – 19 years of age** (high school aged) who wish to learn more about law enforcement in York County. Participation in the academy requires a commitment of one week, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Students are encouraged to ask questions, express their ideas and/ or concerns to instructors, as well as actively participate in the program.

The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office selects Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy for Youth participants based on a first come – first serve process. Each applicant is required to pass a criminal background check conducted by the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office. Applications for the Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy for Youth can be obtained by contacting the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit at (757) 890-3642 or (757) 890-3639. Applicants are notified by mail of their acceptance into the academy. Class is limited to no more than 15 youth.

What kind of instruction will I receive?

The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy for Youth will consist of classroom instruction to practical exercises and demonstrations to facility tours. The academy class will cover the following training topics:

Classroom Instruction	Department Tours	Practical Exercises	Demonstrations
Overview of the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office	York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office	Traffic Stops	K-9
How to become a Deputy Sheriff	York County Courthouse	High Risk Encounters	Emergency Response Team Demonstration
Alcohol & Drug Awareness	Mobile Command	Crime Scene Investigations	Radar / Lidar
Investigations	911 Communications Center	Traffic Stops / Felony Stops	Arrest Control Techniques
Traffic Laws		DUI & SFST	
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Overview of the 911 Center			

Is there a graduation?

Upon the completion of the one-week course, a graduation ceremony is held with the Sheriff and family members of the participating graduates. Students will graduate with an increased knowledge of how crimes are solved, why sheriff deputies do what they do, what the laws are in our state, how the laws apply to young people, and the effects of alcohol and drugs.