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YUMA POLICE DEPARTMENT TEEN POLICE ACADEMY FOR 2024

The Yuma Police Department is holding its Teen Police Academy and is now accepting applications. The academy is designed to educate the teens of Yuma about the daily operations of the Yuma Police Department.

The academy, which is four (4) days long, will give participants an opportunity to see how the police department works and get some “hands on” instruction on various topics relating to police work. Some of those classes include: daily police procedures, building searches, decision making scenarios, K9 demonstration, Crime Scene processing, Narcotics, Gangs, Animal Control, Driving Under the Influence and Traffic Laws. Participants will also get a tour of the department.

We will be offering two Teen Academy classes this year. The first academy will be for teen’s ranging from 13-15 years old. This academy class will be held on Monday, June 24, 2024, through Thursday, June 27, 2024, with a graduation on the last day. The second academy will be for teen’s ranging from 16-18 years old. This academy class will be held on Monday, July 8, 2024, through Thursday, July 11, 2024, with a graduation on the last day.

Classes will be held from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. and will take place at the Yuma Police Department, 1500 S. 1st Avenue, and at the Public Safety Training Facility, 3575 S. Avenue 4E.

Preference will be given to residents of the City of Yuma. Applicants must be 13-18 years of age and pass a background check. The class size is limited to 15 participants, due to scenario-based training. **There is no fee for attending the academy.**

Applications for both academy classes can be picked up at the Yuma Police Department Records window, 1500 S. 1st Avenue, or you can ask for an electronic copy to be sent via email. The deadline for application submission for the June academy is Wednesday, May 15, 2024, or until 15 participants fill the class. The deadline for application submission for the July academy is Sunday, June 15, 2024, or until 15 participants fill the class.

If you have any questions about the program please feel free to contact Sergeant Lori Franklin at (928) 373-4732 or via e-mail Lori.Franklin@yumaaz.gov, or Officer Christina Fernandez at (928) 373-4746 or via email Christina.Fernandez@yumaaz.gov, or Public Safety Technician Jose Sainez at 928-373-4731 or via email Jose.Sainez@yumaaz.gov.

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