



Youth Citizens' Academy

February 13, 2019 - March 27, 2019

The Youth Citizens' Academy program is comprised of students from area high schools and is modeled after the very popular Citizens' Academy that Meridian Township Police Department hosts in the fall. Academy classes meet once per week for seven weeks, starting Wednesday, February 13, 2019 through March 27, 2019. Classes are held at the police department from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The program is free and participants are exposed to a number of Meridian Police Officers who serve as the instructors for the program.

Students will receive instruction in areas such as:

- Use of Force**
- Crime Scene Investigation**
- K-9 Operations**
- Traffic Enforcement**
- Alcohol Enforcement**

In addition to classroom instruction, students will be given the opportunity to interact with and use many of the tools law enforcement personnel utilize every day. Students will observe detection and apprehension by K-9's, the use of "Fatal Vision" goggles to observe the effects of alcohol on coordination, utilize various non-lethal weapons and training aids (Pepper Ball, Taser, Simunitions), dust surfaces for latent fingerprints, and engage in scenario-based decision making on the Firearms Training Simulator.

This program helps foster positive relationships between officers and students and provides an increased knowledge of police work.

If you have questions or wish to enroll in the Academy:

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