



RIVER VALE POLICE DEPARTMENT JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY

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CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the River Vale Police Department Junior Police Academy Class of 2016. It is our goal to reach out to young people such as yourself and inspire good citizenship by educating you about the Criminal Justice System. There is no fee in order to participate in the Junior Police Academy.

Students who participated in the Junior Police Academy Class of 2015 will attain the rank of Sergeant and will assist the Instructors in conducting class. Please note that the 2016 curriculum is completely different from that of 2015.

Because the program demands the very best from its participants, applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Students must be in Grade 7 or Grade 8 and maintain a “C” average. Students who have below a “C” average may ask for a waiver. Further information regarding this waiver may be obtained from D/Sergeant DeVoe.
2. Students must not have been arrested or referred to the Juvenile Conference Committee. Students having a conflict with this requirement may contact D/Sergeant DeVoe.
3. Students must not be involved with any form of substance abuse (i.e., cigarettes, alcohol, drugs, etc.).
4. Attendance is mandatory in order to successfully complete the program. Certain exceptions may be made for conflicts in schedule, including, but not limited to, sports programs, school related functions, religious obligations, etc. Students may contact D/Sergeant DeVoe for further information regarding absences.
5. Students must complete *all sections* of the online application at www.RiverValeNJ.org.
6. Parents/Guardians and students must complete the Hold Harmless Agreement in the online Application.

Applications are available ONLINE ONLY through www.RiverValeNJ.org and will be accepted **until and no later than 10/07/2016**. Incomplete applications will NOT be processed – every section of the form must be completed. Please note that class size may be limited and all stages of acceptance to the Junior Police Academy will be based on the order the applications are submitted.

Unless otherwise noted, all Junior Police Academy classes will be held at the Holdrum School from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Monday evenings and the program will last for approximately 10 weeks. Please note that the anticipated start of the program is Monday, 10/17/2016. All classes will be held on Monday evenings unless otherwise noted.

The Junior Police Academy will prove to be a valuable and rewarding experience for all involved. If selected to participate in this program, students will be notified and receive more detailed information regarding the program via e-mail. Notice of acceptance to the program will be sent on or before 10/13/2016. Please monitor the email addresses that are listed in your application for correspondence regarding the program. In the event that you submit an application and do not receive a response by Friday, 10/14/2016, contact me at (201) 664-2346 x1152.

I look forward to working with you in the near future.

Respectfully,

Detective Sergeant John J. DeVoe
Junior Police Academy Coordinator





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CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Students must be respectful and conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times.
2. Students are required to arrive no later than 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise specified. Students will be released to a parent/guardian at the conclusion of each class. Under no circumstances will a student be permitted to leave without an adult.
3. Students are required to be present at all Junior Police Academy functions unless prior arrangements are made.
4. Students are required to obey all orders of Junior Police Academy instructors. Students are not to leave the class without the permission of an instructor.
5. Use of obscene, vulgar, or profane language will not be tolerated.
6. Use of pagers or cellular phones at any Junior Police Academy function is strictly prohibited. If possessed, they must be turned off during training.
7. All candidates of the Junior Police Academy will, in essence, be representatives of the Township of River Vale as well as the Police Department. Therefore, any activity or behavior that is deemed unbecoming of a member of the Junior Police Academy, inclusive of Internet postings and communication, will be grounds for dismissal.
8. Violation of any of the above guidelines will be grounds for dismissal.
9. In the event that a student does not complete the Junior Police Academy program, all issued items must be immediately returned to the River Vale Police Department.

DRESS CODE

The Junior Police Academy has been developed in an effort to educate students about the Police function, and to provide each student with the best possible learning experience. Consequently, it is necessary that students present themselves in a neat and well-groomed manner.

Students will be provided shirts bearing the Junior Police Academy logo and will be required to wear these shirts to all Academy events. Further, students will be required to wear black colored dress slacks (no jeans), black socks, and black shoes. These black items should bear no obvious logos or markings of any other color.

* Students are responsible for maintaining this shirt throughout their participation in the Junior Police Academy. Students in Grade 7 who return to the program in Grade 8 are not necessarily guaranteed a new shirt. *





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2016 COURSE CURRICULUM

The River Vale JPA Class of 2016 will include training in the following areas:

Introduction / Orientation

Bomb Squad Demonstration / Physical Training & Positive Mindset

Patrol Techniques * JPA Family Night *

Gang Intelligence/ Criminal Identification

Tactical Unit / SWAT Team Demonstration

County Jail Tour

Graduation Drill & Party

Commencement Ceremony

* Curriculum is tentative and subject to change *

A detailed Syllabus will be distributed at Orientation.





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The River Vale Police Department would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their contributions to the Junior Police Academy Class of 2015:

Coordinator: **Detective Sergeant John DeVoe**

Instructors

**Officer Dino Dinelli
Officer Valeri Guglielmotti
Officer John Guglielmotti
Officer Jared Arcidiacono
Officer William MacRae
Officer Joshua Wisse
Sergeant Gary Blumenthal
Detective Peter Martin**

Interns

**Leonardo Alonso
Kristina Anzilotti
Christopher Bassani
Breanna Berlamino
Jessica Deer
Victoria Jasionowski
Kelly McCann
Brooke Mundy
Timothy Van Sadars
Matthew Velthaus
Matthew Voorhis
Christopher Yoo**

River Vale Police Department &
Chief William Giordano
Lt. Robert Ryan
Lt. Sean Scheidle
P.O. Robert Flannelly
Dispatcher Judy Hawkins
Administrative Assistant Martha Gallo
Bergen County Prosecutor's Office &
Det. Jeffrey Angermeyer
Assistant Prosecutor Martin Delaney
Bergen County Sheriff's Office &
Lt. Michael Devine
Lt. Carmelo Giustra
Lt. James Hague
Lt. Charles Silverstein
Sgt. Neil VanDerWeert
S.O. Marcelo Hagopian
S.O. Alex Herrera
S.O. Walter Matthews
S.O. Amy Mehnert
S.O. Vezir Sela
S.O. Vincent Surace
Bergen County Law & Public Safety Institute &
Chief Fire Instructor Lawrence Rauch
Sr. Fire Instructor Michael O'Hagan
Fire Instructor James Kovacs
Fire Instructor Robert Melofchik
Cliffside Park Police Department &
Sgt. Michael Gardenier
East Rutherford Police Department &
P.O. Matthew Bucceri

Emerson Police Department &
P.O. Randy Velez
Fort Lee Police Department &
P.O. Ralph Liquori
P.O. Christopher Richter
Hasbrouck Heights Police Department &
Lt. Michael Colaneri, Jr.
Det. John Behr
Hillsdale Police Department &
P.O. Thomas Smith
P.O. Alex Kaplan
P.O. Brian Considine
Mahwah Police Department &
Det. Michael Grassi
Montvale Police Department &
P.O. John Guico
Park Ridge Police Department &
P.O. John Szot
Ridgewood Police Department &
Sgt. Michael Lembo
Det. Peter Youngberg
P.O. Stephen Cummings
P.O. Kevin McKeon
P.O. Anthony Mormino
Rochelle Park Police Department &
Sergeant Edward Kukalski
Westwood Police Department &
Sgt. Scott McNiff
Wood-Ridge Police Department &
Det. Matthew Mueller

Sergeant (Retired) John Casper
River Vale Fire Department &
Chief Greg Goodell, Sr.
River Vale Volunteer Ambulance Corps &
Captain Maria Blundo
River Vale Superintendent of Schools Rory McCourt
River Vale School Business Administrator Kelly Ippolito
River Vale Board of Education &
Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds Ken Peterson
River Vale Department of Public Works &
Superintendent Rich Campanelli
River Vale Municipal Alliance &
Coordinator Ada Vassallo
River Vale Treasurer Lauren Roehrer
River Vale Webmaster Joanne Allgor
River Vale Parent Teacher Association &
President Deborah Rothenberg
River Vale Educational Fund &
President John Puccio
Holdrum Middle School &
Principal James Cody
Guidance Counselor Maureen Monaghan
Administrative Staff, Educators, & Custodial Staff
Pascack Valley High School Peer Leaders &
Transition Coordinator Laura Grier
Steven Benvenuti, Esq.
Becker Funeral Home
Big Daddy's Pizzeria & Grill & the Minuto family
In Thyme Catering & the Bassani family
Scholastic Bus Company
Valley Tent Rental

* Thanks to all JPA parents who donated and/or gave their time and effort to the program

* Special thanks to **Melissa & AJ Bassani, Jenn Ginsburg, and Andrea Velthaus** who organized the Family Night and Pizza Night receptions, the volunteers who helped staff the events, and the sponsors of those events. **Donations by: In Thyme Catered Events and Big Daddy's Pizza & Grill**

The River Vale Police Department is proud to partner with the River Vale Parent Teacher Association, the River Vale Municipal Alliance, and the River Vale Educational Fund for this worthwhile cause. It is due to the support of the members of these organizations that the Junior Police Academy program is possible.

