

THOMASVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Jr. Law Enforcement Academy

Hosted by the Thomasville Police Department
Community Services Division

*Educating our youth to resist drugs, gangs, crime, and violence
through positive interaction and early intervention.*

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Thomasville Police Department Jr. Law Enforcement Academy Welcome and Introduction

On behalf of the Thomasville Police Department, we would like to welcome you to the Thomasville Police Department's Annual Jr. Law Enforcement Academy. During the next five days, you will be granted the opportunity to explore the life and career of a police officer. In addition to learning, you will be afforded the opportunity to interact one on one with Thomasville's finest. This program is designed to give youth a working knowledge of the "hows and whys" of the police department and increase your knowledge about your role as a citizen of the City of Thomasville.

Our Objectives are to ensure that youth make well informed judgments about police and their job, open up communication between young people and law enforcement, and provide a better understanding of law enforcement and the justice system.

At the end of the program, we will have a graduation ceremony for all cadets completing the academy.

Consider for a moment our definition of a graduating cadet:

- A graduating cadet is not ready to patrol the street ...but he or she can appreciate the commitment and dedication a law enforcer needs to face the streets each day.
- Proficiency with firearms is not part of a cadet's training ... but he or she can understand the absolute necessity of a police officer wearing a weapon.
- Cadets cannot cite case law with the skill of a lawyer ...but he or she can recognize the value of a precise penal code, applied justly and fairly to all.
- Cadets have not known stress and uncertainty of stopping a speeding motorist on a lonely highway at two o'clock in the morning ...but he or she can understand why no-nonsense, by-the-book traffic stops are not mere theatrics, but a lawman's protocol for staying alive.
- The Junior Law Enforcement Academy Cadet – not a licensed law enforcement officer, but a lifelong defender of a noble profession.

When we take the mystery out of law enforcement procedures and policies – young people’s attitudes toward police and their role in society is transformed. Hopefully, by taking part in this program, cadets will walk away with a better sense of how to be part of a team and work toward a common goal, whether on the job or in his or her family. The cadet will also learn the importance and gratification of helping others and he or she will have leadership skills that will aid him or her throughout their lives.

Thomasville Police Department Jr. Law Enforcement Academy Rules & Regulations

Introduction

It is the desire of the Thomasville Police Department that all cadets greatly benefit from the Jr. Law Enforcement Academy Program. We discourage whatever distracts from a favorable and safe learning environment and lessens this opportunity.

All cadets should adhere to and follow all rules and guidelines set forth by this program and the Thomasville Police Department. Any cadet who violates these rules and regulations will be subject to possible removal from the program.

All police officers and instructors of the Thomasville Police Department and Jr. Law Enforcement Academy have the authority to take customary and reasonable measures to maintain control and ensure the safety of all cadets placed under their care and supervision.

Core Rules

1. Cadets will obey any officer or instructor's directions or instructions at all times.
2. Cadets will respect others and the property of others. No cadet will be allowed to damage any property belonging to the Thomasville Police Department, other law enforcement agency or other cadet.
3. Cadets must wear ID badges at all times.
4. Cadets will be responsible and polite to all police officers, instructors, and your peers. Show appreciation for diversity and differences in others.
5. Cadets will demonstrate good manners at all times.
6. Cadets are required to be active participants in the learning process.
7. Cadets will report any unsafe activities to instructors.
8. Cadets are expected to immediately comply with any instructor's requests.
9. Cadets will adhere to dress code.
10. No cell phone or other electronic device usage during any academy activity. Such devices can only be used while at lunch or on break.
11. Fighting, pushing, shoving, biting, pinching, hitting, kicking, wrestling, horseplay, name calling, profanity or other inappropriate behavior **will not** be tolerated.

Dress Code

1. No clothing depicting disruptive words, violence, vulgarity, drugs, alcohol, gangs or disrespect for others will be allowed.
2. No bare midriffs, halter tops, tube tops, low cut, loose fitting sleeveless tops (unless worn over another top which covers under garments). All tops should be long enough to be able to be tucked in. No stomach area should be exposed.
3. No leotards or tights are to be worn without shorts being worn over them.
4. No sagging pants or shorts.
5. All shorts must reach at or below finger tip of the middle finger with arms straight down to the side.
6. No long dangling earrings or necklaces are to be worn.
7. Sunglasses are to be worn only while outside.
8. No bandanas are to be worn anywhere on the body.
9. Shoes are to be worn at all times, both inside and outside.

Consequences

1. Conference with parent or guardian.
2. Suspension from current activity.
3. Suspension from the Jr. Law Enforcement Academy Program.
4. Removal from the Jr. Law Enforcement Academy Program.

Depending on the severity of the violation, consequences do not have to be administered in the order listed above.

DIRECTIONS TO JUNIOR LAW ACADEMY:

Travel east approximately 2 miles past the Waffle House on Hwy 84 to County Farm Road (Convenient Store on the corner). Turn right on to County Farm Road and take to the landfill. Take an immediate left onto the dirt road before entering the landfill's entrance and take the dirt road all the way down to TPD training facility.