



The Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office
Sheriff Laure Smith

TEEN POLICE ACADEMY

The Sheriff's Office Teen Police Academy is designed to provide students with an inside look at various aspects of the Sheriff's Office and law enforcement. Topics will include traffic laws and enforcement, criminal law, SERT, Dive team, K9, domestic violence, bomb investigation and a tour of the Academy. All students are invited to complete a ride-along with a patrol deputy.

We will be hosting Two Teen Academies which are a 2 week program, beginning June 13th, 2022 and ending on June 23rd, 2022 or beginning July 25th, 2022 and ending on August 4th, 2022. **Parents / guardians are encouraged to accompany their student to the first class.** Classes will be held Monday through Thursday from 8:00 – 3:00 PM. The majority of the classes will be held in San Jose. Applications are due no later than May 13th, 2022. Applicants will be advised if they are accepted by May 31st, 2022.

The Academy is intended to provide the students with an overview of the Sheriff's Office functions and procedures. Although the curriculum and teaching methods are similar to those used in a law enforcement academy, the weekly sessions are not intended to make the participants law enforcement officers. Academy attendees will have to meet certain requirements for acceptance to the academy and will be subject to a modified background investigation. Participants in the academy will be selected by the Sheriff's Office.

There are several requirements that must be met by all students wishing to apply:

- All participants should not have disciplinary or truancy issues at school.
- Participants must live in, or attend high school, in the Sheriff's Office Jurisdiction.
- Participants cannot have any felony judgments against them.
- Participants cannot have any arrests involving violence, drugs, or possession or use of weapons.
- Participants cannot have any misdemeanor judgments against them within the last two years.
- Participants cannot currently be on probation or parole.

Any participant that becomes involved in a criminal matter, or is found to be involved in any situation that may result in an arrest or suspension from school will be immediately removed from any further involvement with the academy. Lying will also be grounds for dismissal from the academy.

Applicants interested in the program can submit their application to the Sheriff's Office West Valley Substation, 1601 S. De Anza Blvd, Cupertino, between the hours of 8:00 – 4:00 PM or email their application to SO_SRO@shf.sccgov.org.

For more information, please contact the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Deputy Molnar at 408-425-6829 or email marie.molnar@shf.sccgov.org

