

Westchester County Police

CADET PROGRAM

1 Saw Mill River Pkwy, Hawthorne, NY 10532

Look Sharp. Act Sharp. Be Sharp.

BECOME A WESTCHESTER COUNTY POLICE CADET!

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

The Westchester County Police Cadet Program is seeking to provide an innovative program for High School students in grades 8-12 in Westchester County schools. The WCPD Cadet Program is an integral and rewarding component of our Patrol Division - Community Policing Unit, with the support of Westchester County Department of Public Safety Commissioner/Sheriff, Terrance Raynor. The program is free of charge and designed to establish a positive relationship between Police Officers and students while providing hands-on training and experience in the field of Law Enforcement.

The WCPD Cadet Program is a multiphase program that coincides with the school year. Cadets are provided with uniform shirts and hats.

The Cadet Program runs from October – June. Meetings are typically held twice a month on Monday evenings from 6pm to 8pm, at the Westchester County Police Academy, 2 Dana Road, Valhalla, NY 10595. Special detail dates may be scheduled.

The program has been designed to be a hands-on interactive experience for motivated youth considering a career in Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. Cadets have the unique opportunity to interact and learn in a safe environment with Police Officer Advisors. Attendees, through team building exercises, classroom instruction, physical fitness training, and numerous hands-on interactive training activities, will receive an appreciation for the challenges faced by law enforcement in their overarching mission to protect and serve.

PROGRAM GOALS:

- To build bridges between law enforcement and our communities youth
- To provide a supportive, positive and impactful environment between Cadets and Cadet Advisors
- To provide, prepare and motivate Cadets, considering a career in Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, an early on-the-job experience
- To educate Cadets about some of the responsibilities, duties and challenges of Police Officers
- To teach leadership and life skills
- To give an opportunity for Cadets to partner with Police Officers in community service initiatives

Cadets are introduced to the core functions of policing, including effective communication skills, report writing, safety and tactics, investigation skills, and traffic enforcement. Classes will include interactive instruction, demonstrations, guest speakers, and field trips. Each session will be taught by certified instructors of the WCPD and partnering agencies. Each class session will also include a physical fitness component.

Participants must have (and maintain) a good school record, a clear criminal background, the drive and initiative to be an active participant in a team oriented environment, and parental permission. This program is not intended or designed for children with disciplinary problems. The Westchester County Police Cadet Program is **not** a “boot camp” for troubled youth.

APPLICATIONS:

Students interested should speak with their School Resource Officer (SRO) and/or School Guidance Counselors for information on how to obtain the required application packet.

Application packets can be obtained by emailing a request to:

wcpdcorpsofcadets@westchestercountyny.gov

Completed applications can be dropped off or sent to:

Westchester County Police Cadet Program, Attn. PO E. Ramirez
1 Saw Mill River Parkway, Hawthorne, NY 10532.

Completed applications may also be digitally scanned and emailed to:

wcpdcorpsofcadets@westchestercountyny.gov

Questions can be directed to Sgt. James Dress, Cadet Program Supervisor by email:

wcpdcorpsofcadets@westchestercountyny.gov

Enrollment in the program is limited.