



Ft. Pierce Police Department News Release



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Police gear up for second camp

FORT PIERCE – After the success of the first-ever youth police academy youth camp, the police department is getting ready for another one.

However, this time there will be a few changes. The upcoming camp will be a week long and will target kids between the ages of 8 and 12. The camp will start Monday, August 4th and end Friday, August 8th. The camp operates 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., daily and will be housed at the Police Athletic League (PAL) Center at 1401 N 2nd St. in Fort Pierce

In order to participate, potential cadets must turn in a completed application by July 30th and the child's parent or guardian must attend a parent orientation meeting on Friday, August 1 at 7 p.m. at the PAL center. Applications can be picked up at the main police station, 920 S. U.S. Highway 1; substation, 1220 Avenue D; the PAL Center, 1401 N. 2nd St. or online at www.fppd.org.

“The first camp was a phenomenal success with it being our first time,” said Chief R. Sean Baldwin. “The officers have done a great job.”

Each day of camp will begin with 45 minutes of physical training. During the remainder of the day, the campers will learn about juvenile law, drug and alcohol abuse, crime scene investigations and take a tour of the jail. In addition, free lunch is provided and campers needing transportation can be picked up at one of three locations.

Shamya Smith, 16, was among area youth who completed the first academy and was selected as the top senior cadet for Class One. When she addressed her fellow cadets during their graduation on July 3 she said that she had never considered a career in law enforcement, but now after her experience is it a viable option as a career.

“It's not about how much money you make, but it's about how much you enjoy caring for and helping others,” Smith said.

Anyone interested in receiving additional information regarding the Fort Pierce Police Department Youth Police Academy/Summer Camp, please call 772-461-3820.

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