

# **TEEN SUMMER PROGRAM**

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**Lake Jackson Police Department**

## **YOUNG CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY**

The Young Citizen Police Academy is a 4 day summer program of instruction designed to give the young citizen a working knowledge of the Lake Jackson Police Department. The course, free of charge, consists of a series of classes including graduation. The classes are from 9:00am – 4:00pm, Monday thru Wednesday and from 9:00am to 12:00pm on Thursday. Students will arrive at the Lake Jackson Police Department each morning and will be provided a complimentary lunch. On Thursday there will be a graduation / luncheon. Parents are invited to attend the graduation. Class participants are students who have completed the seventh (7th) grade through seniors in high school. Classes consist of a maximum of 15 young men and women. The students' input from class evaluations is used in structuring the contents of future classes in hopes that the course will continue to be improved each year.

The goal of the Academy is to provide the interested young citizen with enough information to dispel misconceptions they may have about Policing. This program is designed to increase rapport between the Lake Jackson Police Department and the youth in our community through an educative process. We believe that our officers will, in turn, become more aware of our teens needs and concerns. Lastly, our teenagers will have the opportunity to personally meet and interact with many officers throughout the department. The slogan of the Young Citizen Police Academy is "Better Understanding Through Education."

Different topics will be covered each day by supervisors and staff assigned to the various units of the Police Department. The Academy will cover such diverse topics as police training, communications, gangs, family violence, juvenile issues, criminal investigation and narcotics, with particular emphasis on patrol functions. The Patrol Division most often comes in contact with teenagers. Instruction will consist of lectures, tours, demonstrations, role-play and hands-on practice. Students will have the opportunity to ride with a police officer during an actual tour of duty. Chief Park and members of his staff will be available throughout the course, should students need clarification or further information.