



Meridian Township Police Department 14th Youth Citizens' Academy

The Academy will meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm from February 12, 2020 to March 25, 2020. The Academy is comprised of students from area high schools and is modeled after the very popular Citizens' Academy that Meridian Township Police Department hosts in the fall.

During the seven week course, students will receive instruction in areas such as: Use of Force, Crime Scene Investigation, K-9 Operations, Traffic Enforcement, and Alcohol Enforcement. In addition to classroom instruction, students will be given the opportunity to interact with and use many of the tools law enforcement personnel utilize every day. Students will observe K-9 detection and apprehension activities, use "Fatal Vision" goggles to observe the effects of alcohol on coordination, see various non-lethal weapons and training aids (PepperBall, Taser, Simunitions), dust surfaces for latent fingerprints, and engage in scenario-based decision making on the Firearms Training Simulator.

This program helps foster positive relationships between officers and students and provides an increased knowledge of police work.

If you have questions or wish to enroll in the Academy, please contact Sergeant Andrew McCready at (517) 853-4800 or mccready@meridian.mi.us .

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