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**Police Youth Academy Shows Students What It Takes to Be an Officer**

The Romeoville Police Department is giving high schoolers an inside look at what it takes to be a police officer through the Youth Academy program. This free, week long program gives students age 15-18 a look at conducting criminal investigations, tactical operations, and traffic enforcement while receiving hands-on experience in learning defensive tactics, processing crime scenes, physical fitness, officer survival, and more.

The Academy takes place at the Romeoville Police Department (1050 Romeo Rd.) the first full week after the school year ends. It's designed to help young people explore career and leadership opportunities, life skills, and character education. Participants will learn the many skills needed to be successful police officers in today's world through daily classroom instruction, role playing, and practical exercises.

"The Youth Academy is a great resource for students who think they may want to become police officers," said Police Chief Mark Turvey. "It provides insight into the hard work and skills required of the position."

For more information on the Youth Academy, please visit [www.romeoville.org](http://www.romeoville.org) or contact Officer Mark Przybylski at [MPrzybylski@romeoville.org](mailto:MPrzybylski@romeoville.org).