



A new opportunity for middle school students in Woodbury to learn about law enforcement and policing in our community.

The Youth Police Academy is FREE and designed to educate middle school students in grades 6 through 8 about the police department operations and its day-to-day operations. It's a fun and active introduction to the world of law enforcement.

The academy will take place Thursdays, April 2 to April 30 and will meet from 3 to 6 p.m. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend our first session on April 2 as well as the academy's graduation on April 30 when we will be hosting a family pizza party for all of the academy participants.

Location & Transportation

Every Thursday transportation to the academy will be provided by Woodbury Public Safety staff from Lake and Woodbury Middle Schools. Week one will begin at Woodbury Public Safety, 2100 Radio Drive, and when the introductions and station tour is complete, academy participants will be taken to the HERO Center (10125 85th St S, Cottage Grove). All other classes will take place in entirety at the HERO Center. Every class will finish with students at the Woodbury Public Safety building for pick-up at 6 p.m. Dinner will be provided during each meeting at the Hero Center before leaving for pick-up.

Demonstrations & Simulations

Throughout the academy, officers will be using and demonstrating with simulated weapons. This can include a compressed air gun that does not shoot a projectile and plastic molded guns that do not have the capacity to shoot. If your child is not comfortable with this activity, participation when simulated weapons are used is not required and alternative activity will be provided.

Participants will be coached on police building search techniques during one meeting. Plastic molded handguns and rifles will be present if participants would like to practice searching with a weapon in hand. Officers will also discuss firearms safety with participants, but live fire weapons will never be used during the academy.

Safety and fun is the number one priority for this academy. We want everyone to feel welcome and comfortable to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Officer Susan Banick, susan.banick@woodburymn.gov or Officer Rudy Wessels, rudy.wessels@woodburymn.gov



- **Station and building tours**
- **Police scenarios**
- **Patrol duties and operations**
- **Criminal investigations & interview techniques**
- **State Patrol helicopter visit (weather permitting)**
- **Wash Cty SWAT demonstrations**
- **K9 unit demonstration**
- **Dinner and transportation provided**

This is a FREE academy but registration is required.

You can register online at www.woodburymn.gov/YouthPoliceAcademy or fill out the attached form and return it to Woodbury Public Safety, 2100 Radio Dr.

