

# **EL PASO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY**

### **WHAT IS IT:**

The El Paso Police Department's Youth Police Academy consists of 5 days of instruction and demonstrations. The Academy is designed to give the youth of the El Paso area a basic overall working knowledge of the El Paso Police Department's personnel, philosophies, procedures, and policies. It is a series of class sessions and demonstrations normally held twice each summer (normally one class in June and the other in July). They each meet for one week (Monday through Friday). Each daily session begins at 9:00 AM and ends at 4:00 PM. The classes are held at the El Paso Police Training Academy on Scenic Drive.

### **WHO MAY ATTEND:**

To attend the El Paso Youth Police Academy you must be between the ages of 13 - 18 years of age and have no outstanding warrants or have ever been convicted of a felony. The classes will consist of a diverse group of youths representing a cross-section of the community. Participants will be selected from the submitted applications and the classes will be limited to 30 students.

### **SPECIAL INFORMATION:**

Students should bring the following to classes:

- A sack lunch
- Bottled water
- Pen/pencil & paper
- Exercise clothing & shoes

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

#### **Q. WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDANCE?**

**A.** The requirements for participation are:

- Applicants must reside in the El Paso area.
- Applicants must be 13 - 18 years of age.
- Applicants may not have any outstanding warrants.
- Applicants cannot have any felony convictions.
- Applicants must pass a background check conducted by the El Paso Police Department.
- Applicants must submit a completed application, letter of commitment, and a signed Waiver of Liability Release and Hold Harmless Agreement prior to the start of classes.
- Applicants should be able to commit to attending all of the class sessions.

#### **Q. WHEN AND WHERE DOES THE CLASS MEET?**

**A.** The classes will meet Monday - Thursday at the Police Training Academy (9:00 AM to 4 PM), and at Police Headquarters (911 Raynor) on Friday (9:00 AM to 3PM). Graduation will be held at Police Headquarters at 3:00 PM Friday.

**Q. WHO TEACHES THE CLASSES?**

**A.** The classes are taught by experienced police officers, police civilians, and other subject matter experts.

**Q. WHAT DOES THE EPYPA COST?**

**A.** Nothing! It is **FREE!** The only things required from you are your time, interest, and for you to bring a sack lunch each day.

**Q. WHAT DO I HAVE TO COMMIT TO:**

**A.** NOTHING! However you should be able to commit to attending all of the classes. There is no obligation upon completing the EPYPA, but you may wish to join the El Paso Police Explorers.

**Q. WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE BACKGROUND CHECK?**

**A.** A local criminal history check will be performed, along with a check of driving records. Certain driving violations will not exclude an individual from attending, but other violations may. Each application will be reviewed by a police supervisor and those approved will be notified of acceptance.

**Q. WHAT ABOUT PARKING?**

**A.** Free parking is available at the Police Training Academy and at Police Headquarters.

**Q. WHAT TYPE OF A GRADE MUST I MAINTAIN? IS THERE ANY HOMEWORK?**

**A.** No grades will be kept, and no homework will be assigned.

**Q. WILL I BE DROPPED FROM THE CLASS IF I HAVE TO MISS SOME CLASSES?**

**A.** Without attending all classes, participants will not fully benefit from the YPA.

**Q. WHAT WILL I NEED TO BRING TO CLASSES?**

**A.** In order to be able to take notes, please bring pens or pencils to all classes. Monday - Thursday you will need to bring clothing suitable for physical training (exercises and running). Also you will need to bring a sack lunch and bottled water each day.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT  
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