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<b>Subject:</b>	Westerville Youth Police Academy Accepting Applications		
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(Westerville, Ohio) – The Westerville Division of Police is accepting applications for the 2014 Youth Police Academy.

This annual program was developed for students (ages 14-18) who have an interest in law enforcement careers. During this one week course, students learn basic law enforcement principles, including introduction to crime scene investigation, evidence collection, search and seizure procedures, OVI laws, building searches, traffic stops, Internet safety, as well as demonstrations by our K9 officer and tactical unit. In addition to lectures, hands-on activities, and team building exercises, cadets will learn to march in formation and have light physical training.

Graduates may then apply to join Westerville Post 29, the Explorer program conducted by the Westerville Division of Police. This pre-professional program offers extended training in law enforcement, with an emphasis on volunteerism and working closely with community leaders and residents.

The Westerville Youth Police Academy is a free program led by Community Services Bureau of the Westerville Division of Police. Registration is limited to 25 participants. The academy takes place Monday, July 7 – Friday, July 11 from 4-9 p.m. An orientation meeting is required for parents and students on Saturday, July 5 at 10 a.m. at Westerville City Hall (Council Chambers). Graduation will be held after successful completion of the course on Saturday, July 12 at 6 p.m. at the Westerville Community Center.

To complete an application, visit [www.westerville.org/youthacademy](http://www.westerville.org/youthacademy). Interested students must be at least 14 years of age and completed the eighth grade. The application must include a letter of recommendation (from a school counselor, teacher, principal or clergy), picture identification and a copy of school grades.

For more information, please contact Officer Daniel Pignatelli at (614) 901-6489.

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