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(Westerville, Ohio) – The 2015 Westerville Division of Police **Youth Police Academy** begins Monday, July 13 at 4 p.m. Media are invited to observe or participate in any of the following scheduled activities. Regular sessions (Monday-Friday) will take place at Westerville North High School (950 County Line Rd, Westerville).

- Monday, July 13: 4-8:45 p.m.
Drills, team building, K9 officer demonstration
- Tuesday, July 14: 4-9 p.m.
Roll call, introduction to “search and seizure,” traffic stop presentation, handcuff technique
- Wednesday, July 15: 4-9 p.m.
Roll call, building searches, meet the Westerville Tactical Unit
- Thursday, July 16: 4-9 p.m.
Roll call, crime scenes, careers in law enforcement, taser demonstration(s)
- Friday, July 17: 4-9 p.m.
Roll call, OVI, Internet safety
- Saturday, July 18: 6-8 p.m.
Graduation (Westerville Community Center)

The Westerville Youth Police Academy is an annual program 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 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. Additional information is available online at 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 Sgt. Doug Stephens at (614) 901-6874.

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