



Waldwick Police Department

15 East Prospect Street, Waldwick, NJ 07463

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Chief of Police: Mark Messner

2024 Recruit Class



Waldwick Junior Police Academy

Monday, June 24th through Friday, June 28th

Waldwick Middle School

155 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Academy Cost: \$100.00 (to be collected no later than May 15th)

(Check made out to: Waldwick Junior Police Academy)

Applicants must be Waldwick residents who are entering 6th grade in September 2024.

Deadline for the completed application will be April 15th and class size will be limited to 35 recruits.

See Junior Police Academy Class #2 Video [here](#)

[Click Here for Link for Application](#)

Any questions regarding the Academy may be directed toward: P.O. Connor Walsh #58 at cwalsh@waldwicknj.org or Det. Palaia at tpalaia@waldwicknj.org



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JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY

The Waldwick Police Department will be holding our annual Junior Police Academy from June 24th through June 28th. The Academy will be held at Waldwick Middle School, 155 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ 07463.

Enrollment for the Academy will be restricted to 35 recruits. All applicants must be Waldwick residents who will be entering the 6th grade in September of 2024. Applicants will be selected on a first come first served basis. Any applicants not selected will be placed on a waiting list.

All submitted applications should be filled out completely. Any application returned that is not filled out completely or as instructed may be subject to disqualification. ***No applications will be accepted before Friday, March 15th, or after Monday, April 15th.***

Our objective is to promote an environment where the recruits learn the basic principles of respect, discipline, dedication, motivation and teamwork. Each recruit will gain a comprehensive understanding of the laws that govern our state, and the legal process that protects our citizens. Through classroom instruction, lecture and physical training, we will instill in each recruit the ability to approach police officers and nourish a friendship between the youth of the town and its police officers.

Each recruit will interact with different officers from the Waldwick Police Department and meet officers from other agencies. There will be an emphasis on 'cooperation' as the various agencies demonstrate their expertise. The recruits will see that no one person can get the job done and that we all depend on each other for success.

This year we are planning to travel to MetLife Stadium and The Bergen County Police Academy for a tour. If you would not like your child to participate in the trip, they will still be able to participate in the Junior Police Academy

Our academy will function in the same manner that the Bergen County Police Academy operates. There will be a morning assembly with a comprehensive roll call, the Pledge of Allegiance will be recited, and the daily activities will be outlined for the recruits. All of the recruits will be dressed in uniform, which include an academy t-shirt, and black/navy shorts.



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The week long curriculum will include various presentations from guest law enforcement agencies, hands on activities, and physical training to give the students an idea of what is involved to become a police officer. Some of the agencies participating in this program include the Bergen County Sheriff's Department K-9 Unit and Bomb Squad, Bergen County SWAT Team, Waldwick Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Waldwick Volunteer Fire Department, New Jersey State Police and others. The Academy will culminate with a graduation ceremony at noon on Friday, June 28th. Each recruit's family is welcome to attend the ceremony. More details to follow

The daily schedule is from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Recruits are to be dropped off at the Waldwick Middle School parking lot **no later than 8:20 a.m. each day**. Transportation to and from the Academy is the responsibility of the recruit's parent or guardian. Please be prompt when dropping off and picking up your children.

Each recruit is required to have his or her own lunch for the week. Please label all lunch containers with the recruit's name. As an alternative option and for an additional cost, a recruit can opt into a lunch that will be provided by Parkwood Deli daily. Water will be provided to all recruits during physical training exercises and other physical activities.

In order to offset the costs of the Academy, there will be a \$100.00 fee for each recruit. This fee will be collected no later than Wednesday, May 15th from each recruit. Please do not send cash. Checks shall be made out to: "**Waldwick Junior Police Academy**". Please wait to send the fee until you have been contacted letting you know that your child has been accepted into the academy.

We are hopeful that the interaction that will take place between your children and the members of our police department will have a positive effect on all involved. As police officers, we enjoy participating in programs like this and look forward to working with your children!

Sincerely,

P.O. Connor Walsh #58