



City of Murphy  
206 N. Murphy Rd.  
Murphy, TX 75094  
(972) 468- 4000  
[www.murphytx.org](http://www.murphytx.org)

# News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Media Contact: Celso Martinez 972-623-8836

June 21, 2016

## Youth Citizens Police Academy has August openings *YCPA accepts incoming 6th to 12th graders for week-long class*

MURPHY (June 21, 2016) Several spots are still open in the August version of Murphy's Youth Citizens Police Academy, targeting boys and girls entering the sixth to 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

"We are now recruiting young men and women for the one-week academy class in August," said Officer Kris Riebschlager, the program's coordinator. "The students who participate in the YCPA will experience a week filled with active, hands-on training on a variety of law enforcement topics."

The class is set for Aug. 8 to 12, and is held in various Murphy locations, including the Police Department and the grounds of the City Hall complex.

"We set up various scenarios around the City Hall campus and run the academy participants through them," he said. "Our goal is to bring realism and a sense of actual police work to the academy, giving participants a good look at what police officers deal with on a daily basis."

The academy is free and lunch is provided on the Friday of the class week. Water and snacks are provided on the other days. Monday through Thursday classes begin at 8 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. Participants may bring a lunch or have a lunch delivered to the class location during these class days.

On Friday, class starts at 9 a.m. and concludes with a graduation ceremony at 6 p.m.

Applicants interested in the YCPA must fill out an application, available under the Community Relations page of the Police Department site at [www.murphytx.org](http://www.murphytx.org) or by visiting the Police Department headquarters at 206 North Murphy Road.

The application includes a request for a 500-word essay on why the student is interested in the academy. There are also other requisites, like a minimum grade point average, a clean record and an acknowledgement of the code of conduct.

Application deadline is 5 p.m., Friday, July 22. More information can be obtained by contacting Officer Riebschlager at (972) 468-4259.

###

**ABOUT MURPHY** -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 18,020, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income above the state average. With more than 70 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a country feel while exhibiting an aggressive economic development stance. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27<sup>th</sup> Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.