

Nassau County Police Department (NCPD) Foundation

Funds NCPD Police Youth Academy for Valley Stream High School

NCPD Foundation funds second youth program that enhances relationships between high school students and the Police Department

(Garden City, New York) March 21, 2014—The Nassau County Police Department (NCPD) is holding its second NCPD Police Youth Academy program funded through a \$20,000 donation by the NCPD Foundation for Valley Stream high school students Saturday, March 22 at the NCPD Police Academy. The Police Youth Academy program gives students the opportunity to build a relationship with the police department, as well as learn about a career in law enforcement.

The Police Youth Academy, which was started in 2007, brings students from Nassau County School Districts to the Police Academy for a one-day modified academy. The Police Youth Academy exposes students to everyday police work and aims to establish a positive relationship between the Police Department and young adults.

"Through this contribution by the NCPD Foundation our Police Department is able to expand this valuable program for students," said Nassau County Executive Edward P. Mangano. "This program not only develops relationships between the police and our students, it helps to positively expose these students to a career in law enforcement."

The Police Youth Academy which runs from 9am – 5pm consists of classroom lectures, physical training, defensive tactics, police demonstrations and obstacle course exercises. At the end of the day the program emphasizes responsible citizenship and the impact of ones choices and consequences.

"We appreciate how important this program is to Nassau County students," said Eric Blumencranz, Chairman of the NCPD Foundation. "By fostering a positive relationship between students and the police department we see how it benefits public safety and we are glad to provide critical support allowing this program to continue."

Each Police Youth Academy program costs approximately \$5,000 and, therefore, the NCPD Foundation donation of \$20,000 will allow the NCPD to hold four additional Police Youth Academies this year. The NCPD hosted Wantagh High School students this past November thanks to the support of the NCPD Foundation.

About the Nassau County Police Department Foundation

The Nassau County Police Department (NCPD) Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, was established to provide financial support to the analytic, operational and outreach components of the Nassau County Police Department's mission to serve and protect the people of Nassau County and to provide safety and an improved quality of life in our communities through excellence in policing. The NCPD Foundation has raised over \$5 million dollars to support the efforts of the NCPD to date. To learn more about the NCPD Foundation, visit www.ncpdfoundation.org.

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