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Dear Chief/Director/Sheriff,

The Police Academy would like to announce and make you aware of the dates for the annual "Police Youth Week," which is sponsored by the Somerset County Chiefs of Police. This year, the program will run from July 26-30, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

Participation in Police Youth Week will provide the attending student with an overview of various components of the criminal justice field. The program will be conducted through both classroom and practical based exercises providing the student with not only an academic understanding but also a "hands-on" experience. The program changes every year and is based on a four year curriculum to encourage the student to participate in the program the following year. It should be understood that due to the course design, it is not necessary to attend a previous year in order to attend a following year program.

The program is open to students entering their freshman, sophomore, junior or senior year, or that have just completed their senior year. Applicants must be a Somerset County resident or a child of a Somerset County Government employee. There is no cost for the program.

Attached you will find several copies of the flyer to post in your headquarters. Also enclosed may be a letter to school administrators, similar to this one, with additional flyers attached. We would ask that you have an officer deliver that letter/flyers to the high school(s) located in your town.

In the interest of conservation, the Academy is only sending a few applications to each agency and high school. As the applications change yearly, it no longer seems environmentally sound to print more applications than are necessary. Additional applications can be accessed and printed by visiting www.raritanval.edu/police under the link for youth programs, or can be picked up at the Somerset County Police Academy, located on the campus of the Raritan Valley Community College (Arts Building), 118 Lamington Road, Branchburg. The coordinator of Police Youth Week, Sergeant Bill Solomons, can be reached at 908-526-1200 ext. 8222 for any questions pertaining to the program, or if someone wishes to receive an application via mail.

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