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# INFORMATION RELEASE

**DATE & TIME**      **06/14/13 8:57 AM**

**Bureau:**              **Field Services Bureau**

**Authorized Supervisor:**    **Lt. Patrick Hoey**

**Phone:**                **815-987-5744**

**Incident:**              **Rockford Junior Police Academy Graduation Today**

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## MESSAGE

The Rockford Police Department would like to announce the graduation of this year's first Junior Police Academy in Rockford. This academy started Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> and concludes this afternoon.

The graduation ceremony will take place at 3:00 PM today, Friday, June 14, 2013 at the Second Congregational United Church, 318 North Church Street.

The Youth and Junior Academies were made possible by a grant of \$7,750.00 from the Community Needs Fund of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois and a \$2,000.00 grant from the Rockford Park District.

The academies are for any youth who has an interest in learning about law enforcement in the community, an interest in learning how to be an asset to your neighborhood, a willingness to learn and have a positive attitude, but most importantly have fun!

The Academies are designed to introduce students to the law enforcement community in a variety of fun, interesting, and civic minded ways. "Youth Cadets" learned from and participate in various demonstrations of law enforcement units, designed to enhance student understanding of the law enforcement role in Public Safety.

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Rockford Police Chief Epperson states “I am grateful for the substantial grant award from the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois and the Rockford Park District, which allows our continued community policing outreach to youths of our region. Additionally, the Youth Academies are a combination of strong cooperative policing with the Winnebago County Sheriff’s Department, the Rockford Park District Police Department and the Winnebago County Juvenile Probation Department. All three agencies have had an on-going partnership for several years, supporting our youth and offering them the opportunity to view law enforcement and their daily work”.

### Topics Covered this week:

- “What it takes to be a Police Officer”
- Texting while driving
- D.U.I. Investigations
- 911 Center operations
- Coroner’s presentation
- Mock Trial
- Jail Tour
- Shooting simulator
- CPR training
- Traffic Stops/Ten Codes
- Law Review
- Report Writing
- Teens and the Law
- Crime Scene/Evidence Lesson
- Cyber bullying
- Drug presentation
- Gangs presentation

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