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The Rockford Police Department would like to announce that again this year we will be partnering with area agencies to sponsor the Youth and Junior Police Academies in Rockford.

The 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!

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

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".

Youth Police Academy Dates and Locations:

Session 1

Date: June 24-28, 2013 (Monday-Friday)
Time: 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Location: Kennedy Middle School
520 N. Pierpont Av, Rockford, Il 61101
Age: 13-17 years old

Session 2

Date: July 8-12, 2013 (Monday-Friday)
Time: 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Location: Patriot's Gateway Center
615 S. 5th St, Rockford, IL 61104
Age: 13-17 years old

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Junior Police Academy Dates and Locations:

Session 1

Date: June 10-14, 2013 (Monday-Friday)
Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Second Congregational United Church
318 North Church St.
Rockford, Il 61101
Age: 13-17 years old

Session 2

Date: August 5-9, 2013 (Monday-Friday)
Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Heartland Community Church
1280 S. Alpine Rd
Rockford, Il 61108
Age: 13-17 years old

For further information on the Youth and Junior Police Academy, including the application forms please go to <http://www.rockfordil.gov/police>.

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