



The Rockford Police Department hosted a Youth Police Academy at Patriot's Gateway from August 3 through August 7 targeting children ages 13 – 17 years old who live in the Westside Weed n Seed area of the city. The Youth Academy is made possible through a grant from Weed and Seed program. The Rockford Police Department partners with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Police, Rockford Park District Police and Winnebago County Juvenile Probation in putting on the academy. The Academy runs from 1:00 pm until 8:00 pm daily.

The Academy was formed to provide a fun and educational view of police work, in a summer day camp setting, while providing teenagers with an opportunity to learn about a possible future vocation in law enforcement. The kids learn about what police do and have a structured format to explore a variety of enrichment activities. The academy allows officers and students to interact with each other in a positive environment.































