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## **Public Safety Youth Academy Accepting Applications *Free Academy Provides Hands-On Learning Opportunities***

**SEGUIN, Texas** – High school students considering a career in public safety again have the opportunity to learn from Seguin’s finest. Applications are now being accepted for the 2015 City of Seguin Public Safety Youth Academy.

“The academy is an opportunity for high school students interested in careers in public safety to learn from our officers and firefighter/EMTs,” City of Seguin Human Resources Recruitment Coordinator Kathy Salinas said. “Students can expect hands-on learning rather than lecture alone. Over the years, we’ve learned students really enjoy this type of setting.”

Instruction of the free 10-week course is split between the Seguin Police and Fire Departments. Students will receive lessons on K9 handling, rope rescues, use of force training involving simulation, processing crime scenes, climbing multi-story ladders, utilizing live fire hoses and other topics. Applicants must be high school students with good attendance who are in good academic standing. Priority is given to seniors. Class size is limited to 10-15 students to maximize personal interaction.

“Not only is this a great opportunity for students considering careers in public safety to receive quality hands-on education, it’s a great opportunity for our police and fire departments to make positive connections with the community,” Salinas continued.

Applications are being accepted until December 19. The academy is scheduled to begin January 13 and end on March 17, 2015. Those interested in applying should contact City of Seguin Human Resources Recruitment Coordinator Kathy Salinas at (830) 401-2473 or [ksalinas@seguintexas.gov](mailto:ksalinas@seguintexas.gov). Complete requirements are available with the application.

The academy ends with a special graduation ceremony where dinner is catered for the graduating students and their families. The students walk the stage as certificates are given and “Most Professional” and “Most Improved” awards are presented.

“Our hope is the academy produces future Seguin police and firefighter candidates,” Salinas said.

**WHAT:** Public Safety Youth Academy applications being accepted

**WHEN:** Now through December 19

**WHO:** High school students

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**About the City of Seguin**

Seguin, Texas is located along Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational and employment opportunities. Seguin’s robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts, an engine manufacture and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2014, Seguin was proud to be selected by Siro Group USA as the future home of the company’s North American manufacturing facility.

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