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## **Free class gives high schoolers chance to see police & firefighters in action**

*Applications accepted until Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> for students interested in a career in public safety*

**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 2016 City of Seguin Public Safety Youth Academy.

**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.

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.

"This program is geared toward informing students about police and fire careers. It's been successful for the last ten years," said Kathy Salinas, City of Seguin Human Resources Recruitment Coordinator.

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.

"Students get hands-on training... this isn't a sit down, listen to a lecture type of program. The kids will get to see and participate in what these men and women do 'on the job' every day," added Salinas.

Applications are being accepted until Monday, February 1st. The Seguin Public Safety Youth Academy has been planned to start on Tuesday, February 9, 2016. The classes will run every Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. until graduation scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2016.

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

**WHEN:** Now through Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>

**WHO:** High school students

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