

Appleton Police Department

Special APD Programs

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Appleton Police Explorer Post 9925

Exploring is a program for young adults who want to learn more about careers by visiting working settings, talking with professionals, and actually trying out certain work activities. Post 9925 has been in existence for more than twenty-four years. Young adults ages 15-20 are eligible to apply.

Appleton Police Benevolent Museum

The APD museum, located in the Appleton Police Department building, contains a wide array of items of the department's yesteryear, such as uniforms, police weapons, early communication equipment, officers' daily logbooks and photos of many officers, past and present. Retired Detective Sergeant Arnie Nettekoven has been devoted to researching the department's history and has worked many years compiling over a hundred years of newspaper articles about the department and its personnel.

Citizens Law Enforcement Academy

For the past eight years, the APD has offered this 13-week course which provides 39 hours of lecture, discussion, and hands-on activities. The academy was designed to provide general information to the citizens of our community to help them make informed judgements about the APD and its activities. It is held twice annually (spring and fall), is free, and is open to all citizens who either live or work in the City of Appleton. You must be 17 years of age or older and have no felony convictions.

Neighborhood Watch

Is a crime prevention program enlisting a network of neighbors trained to protect themselves and their property, thus reducing the risk of being victimized at home and in public. Our goal is to assist each other in keeping our community a safe place to work and play. There are 100 active neighborhood watch groups in Appleton!

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Victim Crisis Response Team (VCR)

The VCR team is committed to helping victims cope with the trauma they experience when crime, accidents, or other catastrophic events occur. This dedicated group of trained volunteers is here to respond to the emotional and physical needs of the victims and to provide information and referrals to various Fox Valley agencies. There are currently 45 volunteers who together provided over 8,500 hours of support to crime victims in 2000.

Volunteering in Policing (VIP)

This program began in 1995. APD relies on community support and involvement to solve community problems and to enhance the quality of life. The use of volunteers is a natural part of the department's community-policing emphasis. It helps break down barriers and expand the services we can provide. We strive to match volunteer interests and skills with the needs of the department. Six active volunteers generously volunteered 1,706 hours during 2000; the value of those services was \$23,888! VIP participants greatly reduce budget constraints while allowing APD personnel to engage in more relevant work for their job assignment.

Young Citizens' Police Academy

This fun and exciting program is designed for young adults entering the 6th, 7th, or 8th grade in the fall who are interested in learning more about law enforcement. All classes are instructed and supervised by officers of the APD and topics may include: police discretion and decision making, traffic laws and traffic stops, reporting crimes to the police, crime scene searching, defensive tactics, and much, much more!