



Recommendation Form

All applicants for the North Bergen Junior Police Academy must submit One letter of recommendation from a teacher, principal or vice principal, through email. Please be sure to include the name of applicant, and the name, position/title, phone number and email address of the person making the recommendation.

Instructions For Those Submitting Recommendations

The Selection Committee is aware of the time necessary to prepare a letter of recommendation and greatly appreciates your help. Please make sure the applicant has an interest in the function of the police department or in a career in law enforcement. These youth will be exposed to a variety of information not suitable for all teens. Please include in the letter how you feel the student would benefit/contribute to the North Bergen Junior Police Academy.

Student Name _____

Please rate the student in the following areas using the scale below:

5-Superior 4-Above Average 3-Average 2-Below Average 1-Well Below Average

___ Dependability	___ Maturity	___ Interest in community affairs
___ Responsibility	___ Concern for others	___ Ability to follow directions
___ Leadership	___ Conduct	___ Ability to work with others

Please return this sheet with the letter of recommendation. Thank you.

Signature of Reference

Date

Requirements: Perspective Cadets must meet and complete below listed requirements.
PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION NEATLY.

1. Completed cadet application must be completed in black or blue ink and signed.
2. One recommendation form & letter of recommendation from a teacher, principal or vice principal.
3. Completed essay question: **“Why do you want to participate in the North Bergen Junior Police Academy? What do you hope to accomplish from it?”**
4. Must be an incoming 7th or 8th grade student as of September 2025.
5. Must be a Township of North Bergen resident.
6. All forms must be emailed to Instructor Joe Sitty at jsitty@leadrugs.org (This email address will be the only way the 2025 North Bergen Junior Police Academy forms will be accepted.)

Please be reminded, that the North Bergen Police Department, the North Bergen Recreation Department and the Township of North Bergen hold the right to exclude admission into the North Bergen Police Junior Police Academy due to application error, failure to meet application requirements and any acts of juvenile delinquency committed by a perspective Junior Police Academy cadet.

Applications, Recommendation form, Recommendation Letter and Essay MUST be received no later than May 15, 2025 through email to jsitty@leadrugs.org (This email address will be the only way completed forms will be accepted.)

UPON ACCEPTANCE: (If your child is selected, you will receive an acceptance letter from the Chief of Police, Chief Robert J. Farley Jr.. You will also receive other forms, which are listed below.)

When you receive your acceptance packet to attend the North Bergen Junior Police Academy, you will receive the acceptance letter from Chief Farley along with a code of conduct form, medical certification form, medical release/civil liability form, range clearance form, a media release form and any other required forms through the U.S. Postal Service no later than June 1, 2025. Once you complete the code of conduct form, medical certification form, medical release form/civil liability form, range clearance form, media release form, and any other forms, these forms Must be received by June 25, 2023 through email to jsitty@leadrugs.org There is a fee of \$50.00 to attend the North Bergen Junior Police Academy. A non-refundable check or money order in the amount of \$50.00 must be made payable to the North Bergen Superior Officers Assoc. PBA Local 18A “Good and Welfare” with 2025 Junior Police Academy writing in the memo space. This payment will be collected at an orientation meeting before the academy starts. You will receive notification when and where the meeting will be. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Instructor Joe Sitty at 201-206-2050.





Mayor Nicholas J. Sacco, Commissioner Allen Pascual, Hugo D.Cabrera, Commissioner Claudia Rodriguez, Commissioner Anthony P. Vainieri Jr. and Chief Robert J. Farley Jr. are happy to announce the continuation of the North Bergen Junior Police Academy for the 2025 summer season. The North Bergen Junior Police Academy is for North Bergen Township children entering the 7th grade or 8th Grade as of September 2025. The Junior Police Academy will use numerous locations within the Township of North Bergen for its instruction.

The Junior Police Academy is not a "boot camp" for troubled youth, but a program designed to operate like an actual police academy for those interested in law enforcement and for the students that show true leadership skills.

The objective of the Junior Police Academy is to educate the cadets with various police procedures. In the past, the cadets learned the history of the North Bergen Township Police Department, tours of Police Headquarters, firearms safety and a live firearms demonstration, field trips to the 911 Memorial & Museum and the Freedom Tower. The cadets also visited the Hudson County Correctional Center, observe a K-9 Demonstration, Polygraph Demonstration, Fingerprint Demonstration. Also, previous cadets have gone to the National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum and F.B.I. Headquarters in Washington D.C.. These are just some of the experiences that the 2025 cadet may experience. The 2025 Method of Instruction and Activities will be discussed on the first day of the North Bergen Junior Police Academy with a review of the academy schedule. These lessons and experiences would give the cadets a comprehensive understanding of what it takes to succeed in the profession of law enforcement.

Cadets should be prepared for an experience spanning a wide variety of Law Enforcement techniques and trainings. We place strong emphasis on self-respect, respect of others, teamwork and commitment to one's goals. This will be accomplished through structured events which will be offered in a fun, informative, interactive, educational and hands-on manner. The curriculum will consist of educational activities as well as physical training activities.

The Junior Police Academy will run for five days, starting on Monday, July 21, 2025 and ending on Friday, July 25, 2025. The class will not exceed 32 cadets. Cadets will be placed in the academy class based on a first come first serve basis, with all the necessary paperwork filled out properly. **Any incomplete forms or inability to read said forms will disqualify the candidate.** The Junior Police Academy will be held at the Lincoln School Annex located at 1206 63rd Street (Smith Ave. Entrance).



NORTH BERGEN POLICE DEPARTMENT
JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY

Application
Summer 2025

Applicants Name: _____

Parents Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Male or Female: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone Number: _____ Parent's Work Number: _____

Parent's Cell Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Current School: _____ Grade Entering in September 2025: _____

Check one: Child may walk home from Lincoln School _____ Child must be picked up by Parent/guardian _____

T-Shirt Size (Adult size): SMALL MEDIUM LARGE X-LARGE XX-LARGE (Please circle one)

Short Size (Adult size): SMALL MEDIUM LARGE X-LARGE XX-LARGE (Please circle one)

Jacket Size (Adult Size): SMALL MEDIUM LARGE X-LARGE XX-LARGE (Please circle one)

If not available in case of emergency, notify: _____

Phone number of Emergency Contact: _____

Name of person carrying insurance: _____

Name of Insurance Company: _____

Insurance I.D.: _____ Group Number: _____

Does applicant have any allergies? _____

If yes, what: _____

Describe reaction to allergy and how is it treated: _____

Is any physical activity to be limited? _____

Is there any other illness/injury that we should know about? _____

Does Applicant swim proficiently? YES _____ NO _____ Parent Initials _____

Applicants Signature and Date: _____

Parents Signature and Date: _____

Please provide a brief essay response to the following question: "Why do you want to participate in the North Bergen Junior Police Academy? What do you hope to accomplish from it?"

PLEASE ATTACH YOUR ESSAY & ONE COMPLETED RECOMMENDATION FORM & LETTER FROM A TEACHER, PRINCIPAL OR VICE PRINCIPAL WITH THIS APPLICATION. EMAIL ALL THREE COMPLETED FORMS TO jsitty@leadrugs.org BY THE 05/25//2025 DEADLINE.

