



## **Wisconsin American Legion Law Enforcement Career Academy**

### **Program Goal:**

The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin in partnership with the Wisconsin Professional Police Association (WPPA) will sponsor a Law Enforcement Career Academy open to 40 Wisconsin students between their Junior and Senior years of High School.

Similar in structure to American Legion Boys State, the program will provide first-hand experiences and insight into the operations of law enforcement agencies. The program also affords highly motivated young people an opportunity to consider law enforcement as a potential career choice. Recruitment of high school students, both male and female, representing all communities and backgrounds in Wisconsin, is one goal of the program.

The American Legion is particularly interested in outreach to urban communities to better educate and influence young people about the role that law enforcement officers have in their communities. Once participants have been selected to attend the program, active and retired members of the law enforcement community will present a program that instills an understanding and respect for law enforcement professionals and their techniques.

### **Qualifications:**

The program is available to all high school students who have completed their junior year of high school and are in good academic standing. They should be of good moral character and possess a desire to learn more about the law enforcement profession. Their high school should recommend students who meet these qualifications.

### **Curriculum and duration:**

The programs will offer physical fitness training coupled with classroom instruction and hands-on training. Some topics of instruction include Drug/OWI Enforcement, Crime Scene Investigation, Crash Investigation, Computer Crimes, Crimes against Children, Firearms, Multi-Cultural Diversity and many more. The program will be conducted June 18-22, 2018 at Fort McCoy, WI.

### **Application process:**

The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin will select, approve and place students in the program. Physical fitness certifications from a physician will be required of all applicants. Release of liability forms will also be required. To apply for the program have students go to <http://www.wilegion.org/page/content/programs/wisconsin-american-legion-law-enforcement-cadet-academy> . Applications are now available on line. Application deadline is March 1, 2018.

**Post Participation:**

Posts are asked to contact their local high school and to introduce the program and identify kids who would qualify and be interested in the program. Go to <http://www.wilegion.org/page/content/programs/wisconsin-american-legion-law-enforcement-cadet-academy> for more information and application.