

TOMS RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT



Public Safety Cadet Unit #137



APPLICATION PACKET

PURPOSE

The Toms River Police Department Public Safety Cadet Unit is designed to provide exciting and challenging training, along with on-the-job experience for young people interested in a career in law enforcement. Cadets participate in classroom learning, practical scenario training, and are able to participate in ride-alongs with officers. Cadets work side by side with police officers, serving at various community events. The Cadet program is an excellent way to become familiar with law enforcement policies and procedures, to network with Police Officers, and to obtain community service hours.

REQUIREMENTS

- Be 14 to 21 years of age to participate
- Must be admitted into the program prior to your 18th birthday
- Maintain at least a "C" average in all school work through 12th grade.
- Pass a background investigation. (criminal/motor vehicle record)
- Complete an oral interview.
- Maintain good moral and ethical character.
- Be able to attend **TWO** Cadet meetings per month and volunteer at township events

TRAINING

- Firearms Safety
- Traffic Control
- Accident Investigation
- First Aid/ CPR
- Crime Prevention
- Radio Procedures
- Arrest, Search & Seizure
- General Police Procedures
- Traffic & Criminal Laws

WHAT WE ARE NOT

The Toms River Police Public Safety Cadet Unit is **NOT** a program for “troubled youth”. An applicant cannot have any arrests, convictions, or behavioral problems.

UNIFORM

A uniform is required, and **MUST** be purchased by the Cadet. (Approx. \$300-450)

NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS:

A COPY OF YOUR MOST RECENT SCHOOL REPORT CARD AND/OR YOUR MOST RECENT SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR APPLICATION - ALONG WITH A COPY OF YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATE.

THE TOMS RIVER POLICE CADET UNIT REQUIRES ALL APPLICANTS POSSESS AND MAINTAIN A MINIMUM G.P.A. OF 2.0 FOR PARTICIPATION AND BE AT LEAST 14 YEARS OF AGE BUT NO OLDER THAN 17 AT TIME OF ACCEPTANCE.

THE ATTACHED CONFIDENTIAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION SHEET MUST BE COMPLETED BY AN INDIVIDUAL OF YOUR CHOICE OVER THE AGE OF 18 WHO DOES NOT RESIDE IN YOUR HOME AND SUBMITTED WITH YOUR APPLICATION.

IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY EMPLOYED, THE ATTACHED EMPLOYMENT RECORD IS TO BE FILLED OUT BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUR EMPLOYER AND SUBMITTED WITH YOUR APPLICATION.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE TOMS RIVER POLICE CADET UNIT...
NEW APPLICANTS ARE INTERVIEWED PERIODICALLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.
IF YOU HAVE MET THE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS YOU WILL BE CONTACTED.
GENERALLY, NEW APPLICANTS BEGIN IN THE MONTHS OF JAN/JUNE/SEPT**

THE ENCLOSED APPLICATION AND ENTRANCE ESSAY IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT ONLY - INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED



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-MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION-

INSTRUCTIONS: Please type or print neatly. Enter all information making sure not to leave any space empty. If an entry does not apply, please indicate by placing "N/A" on the appropriate line.

First Name: _____ MI: ___ Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Social Security#: _____

Present Street Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone #: _____

Cellular Phone #: _____

E-mail Address _____

Previous Address (If at current address less than 2 years):

Street Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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Father's Full Name: _____

Mother's Full Name: _____

With whom do you live: Father Mother Both

Name of School that you are currently attending: _____

Grade: _____ Average grade received: _____

Have you ever had any disciplinary problems in school? NO YES

If Yes, Explain:

Do you currently participate in any extracurricular activities with your school?

NO YES (Please list below)

Have you ever been arrested or listed as a suspect in a criminal investigation?
Have you ever been in trouble with the Law for any reason?

NO YES (Explain below, Include Dates)

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Are you currently employed: NO YES

If yes, by whom: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone # _____

Please list one person (who does not currently reside with you) as a personal reference that a background investigator can contact regarding your character.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone #: _____

Please list any non-school sponsored activities you currently participate in, including how long you have been part of the organization:



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Background Consent Authorization

_____ (print full name) hereby authorize the Toms River Police Department or any of its agents, representatives or employees to obtain information concerning my personal, business, educational and financial background including any criminal record or driving history I may have. I authorize the above to utilize the resources of the Federal and State Government (including but not limited to the NCIC and SCIC computer networks) or any other investigational sources.

I am aware that in the course of this investigation contact may be made with my friends, family, employers, school officials or others whom I have known over the years. I do hereby give my consent to such investigations and do so freely and voluntarily.

Print Applicant Name

Print Parent/Guardian Name

Applicant Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Date

CONFIDENTIAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION FORM

Applicant's Name: _____

Reference Information: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone#: _____

**May a Police Department Program Advisor Contact you if necessary?*

Relationship to Applicant (Check please)

Present Employer	Former Employer	Co-Worker	Friend	
Neighbor	Former Neighbor	Teacher	Minister	Other

How long have you known the applicant? _____

To the best of your knowledge, is the applicant: (Yes/No)

Honest _____	Respected _____	Forgetful _____
Dependable _____	Polite _____	Nervous _____
Cooperative _____	Neat & Clean _____	Reliable _____
Industrious _____	Healthy _____	Prejudiced _____

How is the applicant regarded in the neighborhood?

What is the applicant's disposition towards his neighbors?

Does he/she keep unreasonably late hours?

What is the applicant's disposition towards his parents/ family?

Are you aware of any of the following? (Yes/No - If YES, please explain below)

Marital Problems	_____	Financial Problems	_____
Employment Problems	_____	Medical Problems	_____
Neighborhood Problems	_____	Mental Problems	_____
School Problems	_____	Civil/Criminal Suits	_____
Drinking Problems	_____	Drug Problems	_____
Criminal Arrest	_____	Driving Problems	_____
Learning Disabilities	_____	Uses Abusive Language	_____
Family Criminal Activity	_____		

Explain: _____

Describe the applicant's best asset: _____

Describe the applicant's temperament: _____

Describe the applicant's reputation: _____

Describe the applicant's noteworthy character traits (good or bad):

Remarks: (Please use this space to provide any information, comments or concerns you feel are necessary regarding the applicant)

On behalf of the Toms River Police Cadet Unit thank you for your time



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Employment Record

Applicant's Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

Person Completing Form: _____

Title or Position: _____

If the applicant is not presently employed by you, please indicate why employment was terminated.

Please answer the following with the number from (1) to (5) with (1) being POOR and (5) EXCELLENT.

Attendance Record	_____	Cooperative	_____
Tardiness Record	_____	Appearance	_____
Health	_____	Polite/Courteous	_____
Ability to handle stress	_____	Relationship with co-workers	_____
Adherence to rules/policies	_____	Dependable	_____
Quality of work	_____	Initiative	_____

Comments:

Are you aware of any: (please check Y/N correct response)

Marital Problems:	Y	N	Arrest:	Y	N
Employment Problems:	Y	N	Drug/Alcohol Abuse:	Y	N
Neighborhood Disputes:	Y	N	Criminal Activity:	Y	N
School Problems:	Y	N	Medical/ Mental Problems:	Y	N

If you answered "YES" to any of the above, please give a brief explanation:

Would you rehire the applicant? YES NO (If "NO", please explain)

Do you recommend this applicant for the position of a Police Public Safety Cadet? Please give a brief comment on why or why not.

Name of Firm or Company: _____

Address/Phone #: _____

Signature _____

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Applicant Entry Essay

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Date: _____

Please answer the following question in essay form. Please use the back of this form if you need additional space.

Why do I want to be a Toms River Public Safety Cadet?