



## ATTENTION MAPLEWOOD RESIDENTS!

The Maplewood Township Police Department is seeking applicants to participate in the "FUTURE POLICE ACADEMY" during the summer of 2018 (Tentative Date: July 23-27 with a possible 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July 30-August 3 **depending on number of applications received**) for **Maplewood Residents in 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade**. One of the biggest components of how the Maplewood Township Police Department operates is through Community Oriented Policing. We have many officers that participate in teaching L.E.A.D. (Law Enforcement Against Drugs), which helps build relationships between students and officers in the elementary schools as well as participating in after school programs such as The Hub and The Loft. The "Future Police Academy" would be a way to continue to grow the bond between the police department and the youth of our community while they continue their educational experience.

The "Future Police Academy" will help show the participants how a police department functions and serves its community on an everyday basis. It is very important for the young men and women to be able to see that the job of a police officer may be very different from what they may have seen on television or read on the internet. The "Future Police Academy" is nothing new to the residents of Maplewood as the police department successfully organized several programs in the early 2000's and 2016. Those experiences have helped to foster many strong relationships between Maplewood Police Officers and now grown adults in our community.

Some of the planned activities include Drill and Ceremony, Physical Training, Teamwork Building, and Motor Vehicle Stops, among many other exciting activities that will be offered. We are planning a day trip to the Essex County Police Academy to show the participants what the recruits endure to become law enforcement officers. During the week the participants will be taught to practice the discipline, compassion, and team work that our officers exhibit on a daily basis.

The Maplewood Township Police Department sincerely hopes that the "Future Police Academy" will continue to build stronger relationships with the community to ensure that as a team we make the Township of Maplewood a better place for our youth and community as a whole.

The tentative cost for this program will be \$75 per participant and we will only be accepting 50 applications. If you're interested in having your child participate in the "Future Police Academy" applications will be made available on **Tuesday May 8, 2018** at the dispatch window. All applications are due back **Friday June 1, 2018**. If you have any questions pertaining to our program please contact Detective Steven Gyimoty ([sgyimoty@twp.maplewood.nj.us](mailto:sgyimoty@twp.maplewood.nj.us)) (973-762-3400 ext 7607).