

Virginia Beach Police Cadet Challenge

Student Rank _____

What is the Cadet Challenge?

The Virginia Beach Police Department is pleased to begin accepting applications for the 2021 Virginia Beach Police Cadet Challenge. This week long, full day program is designed for 10th through 12th grade students who have an interest in the Law Enforcement Profession and would benefit from training in a police recruit academy environment. The program will be conducted at the Virginia Beach Law Enforcement Training Academy (LETA), and will be structured in a manner similar to that of the police academy. Physical fitness will be part of the program and it is expected that all Cadets participate in each day's physical training (PT) session. Course instruction will be provided by veteran law enforcement officers, police executives, and other public safety subject matter experts in a variety of topics to include:

- How to become a police officer
- Situational awareness for personal safety
- The concept and application of police discretion
- CPR training
- First Responder skills/scenarios
- Physical Fitness and self-discipline
- Team building and problem solving
- Problem Based Learning Exercises

Where?

Law Enforcement Training Academy
411 Integrity Way
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

When?

To be determined.

Who?

We are seeking 10th through 12th grade Virginia Beach Public School students, who have received at least a "C" average on their most recent report card. Students who do not meet these criteria may request a waiver from the School Resource Officer.

How do I apply?

Submit the attached application to your School Resource Officer through your school's main office. Your application packet must include:

- Completed Application Page with an endorsement from a teacher or guidance counselor and your SRO
- Signed Emergency Authorization and Liability Release
- Signed Behavioral Contract Acknowledgement
- Signed Photography/Video Release
- A short written summary of why you want to attend the Police Cadet Youth Challenge and if you have participated before
- Copy of your most recent report card

Your SRO will endorse the application and forward to the Community Engagement Unit Supervisor. The Community Engagement Unit Supervisor or her designee will notify you of your acceptance, or not, into the 2021 Virginia Beach Police Cadet Challenge. Private or home schooled students can forward their applications to the Community Engagement Unit at:

Municipal Center Building #15
2441 Princess Anne Rd.
Virginia Beach, VA, 23456

Program Rules

Cadets will be required to read, sign, and have their parent/guardian endorse the attached code of conduct and liability waiver. While all activities will be scaled towards the age range of 13-17 years old, the buildings and locations are in use for official city business. The code of conduct establishes the behavior and interaction for people representing the cadet program and the Virginia Beach Police Department.

1. Cadets will adhere to the Virginia Beach Schools Code of Student Conduct, in addition to rules specific to this program.
2. Cadets are observers only and shall not engage in a dialogue or interact with citizens they encounter unless under the direction of a program supervisor.
3. Cadets will be required to report for class no later than 0800 every day and are required to remain with the program until the end of the day at 1600. Any exceptions to this must be granted by the program supervisor.
4. This is a multi-faceted program, and will involve classroom training, off site field trips, as well as scenario based and physical training. Cadets are required to participate fully in the program. Fitness is a critical component of law enforcement, the cadets will engage in physical training at the end of several days training.
5. Any illness or injury is to be reported immediately to the program supervisor.
6. Cadets must bring their lunch and a snack every day.
7. Cadets are required to obey all directions of the program supervisors and are not to leave the classroom or the group during scenarios without the express permission of the supervisor.
8. Cell phones, tablets, portable games, laptop computers, and other media devices will not be permitted during the activities. Students may check these items at breaks.
9. Cadets **shall not** take photos during the program. Photos will be taken by staff and made available via a shared media site.

Dress Code

The Virginia Beach Police Cadet Challenge Dress Code is designed to allow for professional appearance while maintaining an environment conducive to learning. Each cadet will wear khaki pants and be provided with the shirt that is to be worn while the program is in session. Clothing that advertises alcohol or illegal substances, depicts lewd graphics, displays offensive or obscene language, or is otherwise inappropriate for minors is not permitted to be worn on campus. Because of the active role cadets will be engaging in, refrain from wearing shoes that could pose a safety hazard or interfere with your participation. If you elect to wear dress shoes, bring athletic shoes for the PT sessions.

Behavioral Contract Acknowledgement

Cadets must comply with all provisions of the Cadet Challenge. Because of the nature of this program, zero tolerance is in effect. Any deviation from the program rules is cause for immediate dismissal from the program.

Student Print Name	Sign	Date
Parent/Guardian Print Name	Sign	Date

Emergency Authorization and Liability Release

Release of Information Authorization

I understand that the Virginia Beach Police Department will be conducting a review of my child's history, if any, within the Police Department records, and the Virginia Beach School System to determine the suitability of my child's participation in the Cadet Challenge. Any such checks or dialogue is confidential to the purpose of this program, and will not be disseminated further.

Emergency Authorization for Cadet (name) _____

I hereby authorize the Virginia Beach Police Cadet Challenge Coordinator to give consent and permission to any licensed physician to hospitalize and secure proper treatment for my child. I understand that the Cadet Challenge is a physically interactive program, and that if my child has a health history of which the instructors need to be aware, I will provide it.

Alternate Emergency Contact 1 Name	Cell	Relationship
Alternate Emergency Contact 2 Name	Cell	Relationship

Release of Liability Form

I _____, the undersigned parent/guardian of Cadet _____ do hereby give my son/daughter permission to attend the Virginia Beach Police Department Cadet Challenge. In consideration of allowing him/her to participate in the program, I voluntarily and knowingly release and discharge the Cadet Challenge, the Virginia Beach Police Department, City of Virginia Beach, and all instructors and participants in this program as well as all others who may be liable from all claims, present and future, known or unknown, in any manner arising out of his/her participation in the Cadet Challenge program. The participant may have the opportunity to run the agility course, tour the correctional center, and may be viewing photos that may be graphic in nature.

This hold harmless agreement is a testament to my understanding of the above, evidence by my signature.

Parent/Guardian Print Name	Sign	Date
Contact Number	Alternate Contact Number	E-Mail

Cadet Challenge Photography/Video Release

Authorization to Reproduce/Release Photographs or Videos

I _____, the undersigned parent/guardian of Cadet _____ do hereby grant to the City of Virginia Beach, its agents and assignees, the right to photograph and/or digitally record my son/daughter during the course of the 2021 Virginia Beach Police Cadet Challenge, and the right to use said photographs and/or digital recordings in connection with the publicizing or promotion of the City of Virginia Beach, its services or departments and agencies, including news releases and feature articles to the print/television media, publications produced by or through the city, and department sponsored social media.

I understand that there is to be no remuneration for this use or reproduction of said photographs/electronic recordings.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and fully understand the meaning and effect of this release and, intending to be legally bound, I hereunto set my signature this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Student Print Name

Sign

Date

Parent/Guardian Print Name

Sign

Date

Parent/Guardian Print Name

Sign

Date

Please circle the box below to indicate if you have participated in the program in past years.

YES NO

Cadet Challenge Program Application

Name:			Date of Birth:
Last	First	Middle	
Address:			
Street	Apt#	Zip	
Social Security #:			Gender:
Cell#:	Home#:		Email:
School:			Grade:
T-Shirt Size:			

I am endorsing this candidate for the position of Cadet in the Virginia Beach Police Cadet Challenge as a young person who has an interest in the Law Enforcement profession, and would benefit from a police academy style program.

Approve (circle)	YES NO	Teacher Name
Comments:		
Approve (circle)	YES NO	Counselor Name
Comments:		
SRO Approve (circle)	YES NO	SRO Name
Comments:		

Written Summary

Please explain why you would like to attend the Virginia Beach Police Cadet Challenge, and what you intend to gain from the experience.