Putnam County Sheriff's Cadets

3 County Center
Carmel, NY 10512
www.putnamcadets.com

Thank you for your interest in the Putnam County Sheriff's Cadet program. We are a member of the Northeast Regional Law Enforcement Educational Association that provides training and experiences in the field of Law Enforcement and Emergency Response. Our program is for young adults, ranging from ages 13 to 21, who not only have an interest in Law Enforcement, but also interested in community service, leadership skills and physical fitness.

Our Phase 1 program is our “Basic Training / Academy" phase. This is for all our new members (Cadet Recruits). The program is hosted every Monday night, with the exception of holidays and certain school breaks, in the training room at the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services which is located at 112 Old Rt. 6, Carmel NY 10512. The program will begin on November 2nd culminating with a Graduation ceremony in mid-June. Cadet Recruits will typically spend the first hour, which begins promptly at 6:30 pm, in the classroom learning various lessons in law enforcement and emergency response. The second hour, from 7:30 pm until 8:30 pm, is reserved for outdoor physical fitness challenges as well as drill and ceremony training. The physical fitness training can be rigorous; Cadet Recruits need to be mentally and physically prepared to push themselves. Cadet Recruits need to be prepared by being dressed for the elements at all times, no matter the season or weather.

After graduating, all Cadets enter the Phase 2 portion of the program. We will continue to meet year-round, from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm. Cadets learn advanced lessons in law enforcement, engage in physical fitness training, continue to hone their skills in drilling and ceremony, as well as participate in Mock PD (role playing) training. While enrolled in our Phase 2 program, Cadets will have numerous opportunities to work out in the community and earn community service credit, while they give back to the citizens of Putnam County and beyond. Cadets will also have an opportunity to work alongside the men and women who are assigned to various divisions of the Putnam County Sheriff's Office.

There are a few costs associated with the PCSO Cadet program. Cadets are responsible for registration fees to the Putnam County Sheriff's Cadets and will be finalized by the first meeting.

On October 26th, 2026 at 6:00 PM there will be a meeting for all interested cadets and their parents at the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services building which is located on the backside of the Donald B. Smith Campus, located at 112 Old Route 6, Carmel NY 10512. Please bring the completed application if it was not turned in already.

In the spring, Cadets / Cadet Recruits will be measured for uniforms. We work very hard to provide our Cadets / Cadet Recruits with the lowest costs associated with buying uniforms.

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Uniforms are utilized for graduation as well as for Community Service events and special details. The total cost of the uniform in 2025 was $250. We anticipate the cost being similar this year. This cost does not include boots. Cadets / Cadet Recruits will be responsible for providing their own boots. Boots should be black in color and need to be able to take a polish.

The expectations for our Cadets / Cadet Recruits are very high. We understand that we share those high expectations with parents, schools, coaches and other community organizations. We always ask for the highest level of dedication to the program during our meetings, training, and Community Service events. Cadets / Cadet Recruits who are unable to attend events or training will need to communicate that beforehand to PCSO Cadet Advisors, through the proper Cadet chain of command. Cadets / Cadet Recruits who are unable to meet the high demands of the program will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

We ask that you always reach out to us, no matter the issue. If you have any questions in regards to the program, please see the School Resource Officer at your school or contact:

Sergeant Elizabeth Rossi at elizabeth.rossi@putnamcountyny.gov
Deputy Paul Maglietta at paul.maglietta@putnamcountyny.gov
PCSO Cadets at putnamcadets@gmail.com

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PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CADET PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

(Please Print Legibly and Use Black Ink)

Name_____ Date of Birth_____

Home Address_____

Cadet E-Mail Address_____

Home Phone _____

Driver's License or I D. #_____

Height _____ Weight _____Hair Color _____Eye Color _____

School Attending _____ Grade_____

Parent(s)/Guardian- (cell, work, home, e-mail)

1._____

2._____

Emergency Contact (name, phone numbers)

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Work References

1) Business Name_____ Manager/Supervisor_____

Address _____ Phone Number_____

2) Business Name_____ Manager/Supervisor_____

Address _____ Phone Number_____

Have you ever been arrested? Yes ____ No_____

If yes, explain:

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Brief summary of why you want to be a Sheriff's Cadet:

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Have you ever used or experimented with any type of drug(s) Yes _____ No_____

If yes, explain: _____

Are you now, or have you ever been on probation? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, explain: _____

Do you belong to or affiliate with any gang or gang member? Yes _____ No_____

If yes, give name of gang and your affiliation: _____

List any hobbies or interests:

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List any clubs or organizations to which you belong:

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List any special needs you may have that would prevent you from participating in physical training and exercises or classroom activities within the program:

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Please furnish two letters of recommendation from adult persons who are not related to you but are in a position to be knowledgeable of your credibility and general reputation.

I, _____ , give my son/daughter Permission to participate in the Putnam County Sheriff's Department Cadet Program including all meetings, functions, field trips and police Ride-Along programs. It is known to me that some of the activities may be potentially dangerous and/or life threatening.

By signing this application, I release the Northeast Regional Law Enforcement Educational Association, the County of Putnam, the Putnam County Sheriff s Department and the Deputies/ Employees with whom they ride-along or work, from any liability.

Applicant Signature_____ Date_____

Parent/Guardian Signature_____Date_____