



Bellevue Police Department

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Dear Bellevue Community members,

On behalf of the Bellevue Police Department, I would like to introduce the first annual Bellevue Police Youth Camp. We hope this Camp provides a positive avenue to building relationships between our youth and the Bellevue Police Department, its officers, and professional staff. We all know that trust, respect and cooperation are cornerstones of effective community relationships. Through these relationships, we can break down barriers and overcome misconceptions. This is why I have championed this three-day event.

The Bellevue Youth Camp will allow young people to engage in team activities, interactive workshops, and robust discussions. They will gain a better understanding of the roles and responsibilities of law enforcement officers, while learning about the challenges, risks, and decision-making processes faced by police officers. Camp attendees can also ask questions to understand the complexities of law enforcement work.

Second, the Youth Camp will engage your young person in positive and fun activities while incorporating educational and character-building components. They will receive experience in conflict resolution, decision-making, teamwork, communication skills, and personal safety. These skills are valuable in everyday life situations, empowering young people to make responsible choices and become productive community members.

Finally, the Youth Camp is an excellent introduction to careers in law enforcement, exploring potential interest in criminal justice with jobs such as police officers, investigators, forensic experts, records specialists or related professions. This expands career opportunities for your children and contributes to building a future of diverse and community-oriented law enforcement personnel.

I am very excited to bring this new Camp to the Bellevue community. I look forward to meeting your children in August and begin fostering positive relationships, empowering them with valuable skills, and promoting safer and more cohesive communities.

Sincerely,

Wendell Shirley
Bellevue Police Chief