

Subject: Support Needed for the ‘Sleepy Hollow/Tarrytown Youth Leadership Police Academy’.

Dear reader,

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Steven Bencosme, and I am the School Resource Officer at Sleepy Hollow High School & Middle School. I am reaching out to you today on behalf of an exciting initiative that we believe will have a lasting positive impact on our community's youth – **the second annual** Sleepy Hollow/Tarrytown Youth Leadership Police Academy.

This summer, we are organizing three sessions of the youth academy (we added a week!), scheduled to take place from August 4th to August 8th, August 11th to August 15th and August 18th to August 22nd. Each session is designed to accommodate 30 local youth. Our goal with this initiative is to shape the leaders of tomorrow by instilling values such as structure, teamwork, discipline, and the importance of making healthy choices. The Sleepy Hollow/Tarrytown Youth Leadership Police Academy aims to provide a supportive and educational environment where our youth can develop essential life skills that will serve them well into adulthood. We believe that by investing in our young community members today, we are contributing to a brighter and more prosperous future for Sleepy Hollow & Tarrytown.

To make this camp a reality, we are seeking the support of local businesses, organizations, and individuals. Your contribution will help us kick-start the program and provide the campers with essential items, including t-shirts, hats, backpacks, and water bottles. These items are not only practical for the camp activities but will also serve as a lasting reminder to the participants of the support they received from our community. Your generous support will not only benefit the individual campers but will also contribute to the overall well-being and development of our community. We believe that by fostering leadership skills in our youth, we are actively building a stronger and more resilient community.

If you are interested in supporting the Sleepy Hollow/Tarrytown Youth Leadership Police Academy, please consider donating or providing in-kind support. Any contribution, big or small, will be highly appreciated and acknowledged. We will be accepting donations via checks. They can be made out to: ‘Sleepy Hollow Police Department Youth Academy’. Checks can be dropped off at the Sleepy Hollow Police Department: 28 Beekman Avenue, Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591, Monday - Sunday 8am to 11pm. Please place the checks in an envelope with attention to: “SRO. Bencosme – Youth Leadership Police Academy donation”.

To discuss this opportunity further or to answer any questions you may have, please feel free to contact me directly via email at Sbencosme@sleepyhollowny.org. Thank you for considering our request, and we look forward to the possibility of partnering with you to make the Sleepy Hollow/Tarrytown Youth Leadership Police Academy a success.

Sincerely,

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