



AMERICAN LEGION CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE YOUTH WEEK



2026 ANNOUNCEMENT

The American Legion Department of Connecticut and the Connecticut State Police, announce their joint sponsorship of the 20th Annual State Police Youth Week. The program, a law enforcement practicum for high school students completing their JUNIOR YEAR in 2026 at an accredited high school in the state of Connecticut, will be held at the State Police Training Academy in Meriden, CT, from Sunday, August 2nd to Saturday, August 8th, 2026.

The program offers insight into the training, duties and expectations of Law Enforcement Officers. The program provides realistic experience, patterned after recruit training at the Connecticut State Police Academy, and affords individuals considering a law enforcement career the opportunity to gain knowledge of the professional life of a police officer.

Cadets will participate in a variety of mentally and physically demanding instructional sessions, including patrol techniques, the Connecticut Penal and Motor Vehicle Codes, criminal and accident investigation, firearms safety and training, water safety training, team building and confidence training, defensive driving techniques, and other law enforcement skill training. Cadets will experience the daily activities of recruit training, including 5:15 reveille, physical conditioning, inspection of quarters, and participation in assigned details.

Selected Cadets will be required to stay overnight in a dormitory type of environment; there are no exceptions. If your son or daughter is unable to stay overnight, they will not be considered. If your son or daughter has a driver's license or learner permit, please provide that information on the application. It's not required, but it may allow them to drive at the Emergency Vehicle Operation Course (EVOC).

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL POST, THEY MAY BE WILLING TO SPONSOR YOU.

***COMPLETED APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING PERSONAL STATEMENTS
AND RECOMMENDATIONS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE \$125.00 FEE,
MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, June 5, 2026.***

***DUE TO STRICT LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS (30 STUDENTS),
LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.***

***SELECTION DATE THIS YEAR WILL BE June 12, 2026. IF YOU HAVE NOT HEARD ANYTHING BY June 19th
PLEASE CONTACT THE AMERICAN LEGION AT THE PHONE NUMBER BELOW***

For further information contact your Guidance Counselor, School Resource Officer, local Post of the American Legion, or the American Legion Department Treasurer, 864 Wethersfield Ave, Hartford, CT 06114. Telephone 860.296.0719.

It is DESPP's policy to foster a diverse and fair environment, and to offer programs and services in a manner that is consistent with state and federal laws that prohibit discrimination and harassment based on a person's protected class.