Dear Parents and Legal Guardians,

Thank you for your interest in the **Barnegat Township Junior Police Academy – Class of 2026**. This program offers children a unique opportunity to learn about the law enforcement profession and gain insight into the operations of the Barnegat Township Police Department.

The Junior Police Academy is designed to introduce participants to the many functions of law enforcement through a structured program modeled after an actual police academy. Participants will engage in daily physical training and formation drills, followed by instructional sessions and demonstrations conducted by law enforcement professionals. Please note that this program is not intended for troubled youth.

This year's program will be held **July 6–10, 2026**, at **Joseph T. Donahue School**, located at **200 Bengal Boulevard, Barnegat, NJ**. Classes will begin promptly at **8:00 a.m.** and conclude at **2:00 p.m.** each day. Participants are responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from the facility.

Applicants must be **between the ages of 10 and 12**. If your child does not meet the age requirement or cannot attend during the dates and times listed above, please discontinue the application process.

Enrollment is limited to **40 participants**. Applicants must be in good standing with their respective schools. Prior disciplinary issues at school or adverse interactions with the police department may result in disqualification. If the number of applications exceeds the available class size, **Barnegat Township residents will be given preference over non-residents**.

If your child has any physical or learning disabilities, or may require special accommodations, please indicate this on the **Phase 2 application**. Disabilities or special needs will not disqualify a participant; however, advance notification is necessary so that appropriate accommodations can be arranged.

Application Process

The application process consists of **two phases**:

Phase 1 must be completed and submitted online in its entirety no later than **May 4, 2026**. Applications will be reviewed upon receipt, and responses will be sent via email. Applications are processed on a **first-come, first-served basis**.

Phase 1 applications must be submitted through the following Google Form:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdhcDheqb8y1PiUe6Nv2F9z5A2CBowlFVpYR83Yku1_GdneMA/viewform?usp=header

Applicants selected to advance will receive the **Phase 2 application** via email. Phase 2 must be completed and submitted no later than **May 22, 2026**. Medical certificates may be submitted following final approval. A **$100.00 application fee** is required upon final acceptance into the program.

While we may not be able to accept all applicants, those who are not selected are encouraged to apply again next year if they remain eligible.

Phase 2 applications may be **scanned and emailed** to **weber406@barnegatpolice.us**, or a **paper copy** may be submitted to **Police Headquarters, 900 West Bay Avenue**. Paper submissions must be placed in an envelope labeled:

ATTN: Ptl. Weber – JPA Application

Please **do not submit applications to your child's school**.

The **$100.00 application fee** must be submitted within **five (5) days** of notification of final acceptance. Failure to submit payment within this timeframe will result in forfeiture of the applicant's spot in the program.

Thank you again for your interest in the **Barnegat Township Junior Police Academy**. We look forward to another great year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Ptl. Brian Weber** at **weber406@barnegatpolice.us**.

Sincerely,
Barnegat Township Police Department