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Supreme Court, Beckley Police Department to hold training on police interactions with youth

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The Administrative Office of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia and the Beckley Police Department together are sponsoring a training session for police officers entitled “Effective Police Interactions With Youth: Tactics that Work for Patrol Officers.”

The Basic Training session will be from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, at the National Mine Health and Safety Academy, 1301 Airport Road, in Beaver.

A Train-the Trainer session will take place from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, March 21-22 at the same location.

Officers in Berkeley, Kanawha, and Raleigh Counties are especially encouraged to attend because those counties have an overrepresentation of minority youth at the arrest contact point.

The training sessions are free. Officers can receive up to 24 Law Enforcement (LET) credits (eight hours each day). Lunch will be provided each day. A registration form is attached.

PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN

- ✚ The role of patrol officers in helping to eliminate the problem of disproportionate minority contact with West Virginia’s juvenile justice system;
- ✚ Why adolescents tend to test boundaries, challenge authority, and have difficulty controlling impulses and making sound decisions; and
- ✚ Strategies for communicating more effectively with young people and improving police/youth relations.

INSTRUCTIONAL APPROACH

- ✚ Classroom instruction by certified police trainers
- ✚ Lectures, video clips, class discussions, small group and individual activities
- ✚ Interactive approach designed to build on participants’ existing knowledge and skills and provide opportunities for participants to share and learn from each other.

REGISTRATION FORM
EFFECTIVE POLICE INTERACTIONS WITH
YOUTH

Please register as soon as possible. Space is limited.

RANK or TITLE: _____
(e.g., Officer, Det.)

FIRST NAME: _____

LAST NAME: _____

AGENCY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ **ZIP:** _____

TELEPHONE: _____ **FAX:** _____

E-MAIL: _____

Training date choices (may check one or both options):

- March 20, 2012 (Basic Training, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)
- March 21 and 22, 2012 (Training of Trainers, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

Please send this form by e-mail or facsimile to

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