



Maryland Department of State Police

2022 Youth Leadership & Career Development Seminar



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

Will transportation be provided? Yes, transportation to the MDSP Training Academy will be provided by a trooper escort. Participants are asked to arrive at the local Maryland State Police Barrack on the specified date and time provided by the trooper escort. Participants should make arrangements with their parent/guardian to provide their transportation home upon conclusion of the seminar.

How will I be contacted by the trooper escort? The trooper escort will make contact with the participant and his/her parent/guardian utilizing the information provided in the application submission. The trooper escort will provide the local Maryland State Police Barrack address and arrival time.

Will participants be participating in any strenuous physical activity? Given COVID - 19 restrictions and the Maryland State Police policies relating to training in extreme weather conditions, participants will not participate in any strenuous physical activity. Participants will have the option to complete the Functional Fitness Assessment Test (FFAT) which measures the level of fitness and physical preparedness for the Maryland State Police Academy.

What precautions will be taken regarding COVID-19? The Maryland State Police will follow the guidelines issued by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Maryland Department of Health (MDH).

How many chaperones will there be? There are 10-12 core instructors assigned to the program who will have interaction with participants over the course of the program. Participants will be under direct supervision of troopers during the entire stay; classroom instruction, evening activities and overnight.

How will this program benefit participants in furthering their career in public safety? Participants will have the opportunity to explore the many facets of a law enforcement career as well as gain exposure to the various mission critical civilian occupations within the Maryland Department of State Police. Attendees will be involved in training workshops and practical experiences geared toward developing a greater understanding of law enforcement and the criminal justice system.

Will participants receive a certificate of completion at the end of the program to use on their resume? Yes, upon completion of the program each participant will receive a certificate of completion.

Are there any hidden costs to this program? No, this program is free with no hidden costs associated with attending.



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Will you have medical staff on site in case of injury or sickness? Yes, the MDSP Medical Director will be onsite to administer medication and a MDSP paramedic is assigned to the program.

Will accommodations be made for food allergies? Yes, accommodations will be made for program attendees with food allergies.

What items will participants need to bring? The candidates will receive a Participant Packet which will provide a detailed list of items to bring. A separate email will be sent no later than Friday, July 8, 2022.

Will participants be able to contact parents/guardians during the seminar? Yes, phone calls will be permitted during “free time” hours in the evening. Participants may bring a cell phone; however, it will be secured during training hours. A seminar Point of Contact will be provided in the Participant Packet for use in case of emergency.

Will participants be allowed to bring their own food and drink? No, there will be no outside food or drinks permitted.

What are the sleeping arrangements and/or accommodations? Each program participant will be assigned a private room with a private bathroom. Rooms will be sanitized before participant arrival. Participants will not be permitted in another participant's room.

What happens if a participant gets homesick? If a participant becomes homesick, we will contact his/her parent or guardian and assist with any necessary accommodations.

What time will participants be going to bed? Mandatory lights out at 10:00 PM.

Will participants be exposed to any weapons? Participants will be exposed to training weapons (non-working replicas) ONLY.

If a participant takes medication, how will that be handled? All medication will be labeled and secured by the MDSP Medical Physician who will be onsite to administer prescription medication.

COVID 19 Exposure Protocols

All participants and MDSP staff will complete a 14 day health screening prior to the start of the program and report directly to the MDSP Program Coordinator

- Daily temperature checks
- Daily screening questions:
 - Have you developed any of the following symptoms of COVID-19



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infection in the last 10 days? 1) Fever or chills 2) Cough 3) Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing 4) Fatigue 5) Muscle or body aches 6) Unusual headaches 7) New loss of taste or smell 8) Sore throat 9) Congestion or runny nose 10) Nausea or vomiting 11) Diarrhea

- Have you had a positive test for COVID-19 infection within the past 10 days?

- Within the last 10 days, have you been within 6 feet for longer than 15 minutes with someone who has suspected or confirmed COVID-19 infection, without taking proper precautions like wearing a mask and frequently washing your hands during this contact period?

- The participant's parent/guardian will confirm the health screening has been completed.
- **Any participant unable to pass the 14 day health screening will not be permitted to attend the seminar.**

All participants and MDSP staff will be required to complete a daily health screening during the program.

- If any person's temperature is less than 100.0 Fahrenheit, the individual will be permitted entry into the building, provided they answer "No" to both questions on the Building Entry Initial Screening.

- Should the person's temperature be 100.0 Fahrenheit or above, or if their answer is "Yes" to any of the screening questions, the individual will be denied access and prompt notification will be made to the MDSP Medical Director.
 - Participants will be separated and self-isolated to their dorm room
 - Parent/guardian will be contacted immediately to be notified of situation
 - Parent/guardian will be asked to pick the participant up from the academy
 - A MDSP staff member will remain in the dorm with the participant

MDSP Program Coordinator will designate a Workplace Coordinator responsible to ensure compliance with all guidelines to *Maintain Healthy Business Operations during the entire seminar.*

The training site will have signs/markings per COVID-19 exposure protocols. Participants should follow the directions of the MDSP staff for further instruction.

All participants and MDSP staff will be required to bring a mask with them.

All participants and MDSP staff will maintain social distancing at all times and will don their face mask if they are within 6 feet of another individual. Masks will be worn in all common areas.



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All participants and MDSP staff will be required to wash their hands frequently and sanitize their hands by utilizing the sanitation solution provided at the entrance to the training areas and dormitory.

Participants and MDSP staff may be required to utilize both masks and gloves during various stages of training. Specific instructions will be provided by MDSP staff.

MDSP will ensure there will be increased sanitation protocols in place to ensure decontamination of "high touch" areas. The classroom will be cleaned at least twice per day (morning/afternoon) to include table surfaces, light switches, door handles, etc.

MDSP will increase ventilation in all training areas. (classroom/gym)

MDSP staff will ensure all training locations undergo sanitary cleanings before use and all social distancing and personnel protection guidelines, both MSP and CDC are followed.

MDSP staff will ensure there will be hand sanitizing stations and COVID sanitation kits readily accessible.

Participants may be asked to sanitize their personal work space at the direction of the Workplace Coordinator.

Training rooms will be arranged to maximize the space between participants and candidates and separated by at least 6 feet to maintain social distancing.

There will be no sharing of supplies (paper, pens etc.). Participants will be provided instructions on the process of handling and the return of all documents and supplies.

Participants will maintain social distancing when consuming meals in the cafeteria and disposable items will be utilized. (plates, utensils, etc.)

A supply of additional masks and gloves will be available for use.