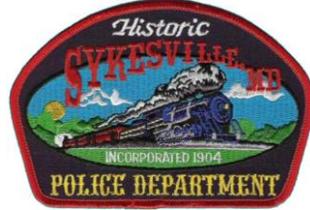


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## 2021 Sykesville Police Department Junior CSI Academy

The Sykesville Police Department is proud to announce that's its popular Junior CSI Academy will be returning this year on **Saturday, September 11, 2021**. During this 12<sup>th</sup> annual program, we will be changing the format somewhat by holding the program entirely on one day instead of spreading it out over 4 weeks as we have done in the past. In addition, this year's program will be held outdoors at the Burkett Park on Norris Avenue here in town. The program starts at 9:30 am and concludes with graduation and a certificate ceremony at 2:30 pm. Parents are welcome to attend the graduation at 2:30, but we are asking that parents not stay for the entire day. We will have the area in the park roped off, and we will have additional staff to monitor and supervise the students throughout the day. This program is geared toward middle school students, so we would ask that you only register those children who are within that age group. This program is once again generously supported by the Freedom District Lion's Club Youth Outreach program.

The academy will once again be led by Sykesville Chief of Police Michael Spaulding and Detective Earl Kratsch, a retired homicide investigator from the Baltimore Police Department. Students will be exposed to the various aspects of crime scene investigations during the one-day abbreviated course. They will have the opportunity to learn about collecting latent fingerprints, performing grid searches, the use of canine dogs in locating evidence, and the importance of properly marking, photographing and collecting evidence, as well as maintaining the integrity of a crime scene.

The instructors hail from nearby agencies such as the Maryland State Police, the Carroll County Sheriff's Office, the Sykesville Police Department and the Baltimore City Police Department, and all are experts in crime-scene investigations.

Applications can be obtained in person at the Police Department, Sykesville Middle School, or on-line at <https://www.sykesvillepolice.org/>. Class size is limited, and applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis. For more information, please feel free to contact the Sykesville Police Department at 410-795-0757.