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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Criminal Justice Academy to Start on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Due to overwhelming demand, the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) announces its **2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Criminal Justice Academy**. The Academy is a 4-week course being held on consecutive Thursday evenings, beginning Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Class time is 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The Academy was created by the CJC to educate Palm Beach County youth about the criminal justice system, and to introduce them to local criminal justice professionals. The course will cover aspects of the criminal justice system and provide a good general knowledge of the system from the perspective of criminal justice professionals. **Presentations will include a special emphasis on the juvenile justice system.**

The Academy will be taught by criminal justice practitioners, and class sessions will be held at the West Palm Beach Police Department – Community Room, located at 600 Banyan Avenue in West Palm Beach.

During the first class session, a special welcome will be given by WPB Police Dept. Chief Delsa Bush, Mayor Lois Frankel, PBC Commissioner Addie Greene, and other officials. The second class will feature presentations by the PBSO Mounted Unit, Medical Examiner's Office, Helicopter Unit, Bomb Squad, and Crime Scene Investigations. The third session will include a field trip to the PBC Main Detention Center and presentation by Sheriff Ric Bradshaw. The fourth class will include instruction by the PBC State Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, and other officials.

***There is NO COST for the Academy with registration limited to the first 50 persons. Students must be 12 – 18 years of age to attend.*** Please email your registration form to [gnowalk@pbcgov.com](mailto:gnowalk@pbcgov.com) or register at the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission office located on the 10<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Governmental Center, 301 N. Olive Ave, Suite 1001, West Palm Beach or by calling Glenna Nowalk at 355-4943. The registration form is available on-line at: <http://www.co.palm-beach.fl.us/criminaljustice/currentevents/academy.htm>