



Have you ever wondered what it is like to be police officer, on the ambulance squad or a firefighter? The Windom Emergency Services Leadership Academy (WELSA) gives students ages 11-17 the opportunity to spend a Friday/Saturday in an educational setting with our public safety personnel.

During this time, the students will participate in a number of “hands on” activities including obstacle courses, physical fitness exercises, fire safety and fire prevention, basic first aid, a mock crime scene, and tour the jail - all while building leadership, self-esteem and teamwork skills in a variety of games.



Saturday lunch, light snacks and academy t-shirt provided to all students. - **\$5 Fee**



August 26th 6pm-9pm and **August 27th 9a-5pm**
The academy is limited to twenty students, with a minimum of 12 students for the class to run.



Preference will be given to Windom residents. Please contact Officer Dana Wallace dwallace@isd177.com or 507-831-6134, if you have any questions.

For the 2016 academy, the deadline for applications is **August 1st**. Once accepted, applicants will be sent a letter with more details. Hope to see you there!

*Windom Emergency Services Leadership Academy
Code of Conduct*

1. Students are required to follow the instructions and directions given by the classroom instructor or any appointed supervisor for the academy.
2. Should a student become injured during the academy he/she must report the incident to the instructor or director immediately.
3. Students are not peace officers and should not attempt to present themselves as peace officers nor should a student attempt to enforce any law violations or other legal situations.
4. Students should avoid obscene, vulgar, or profane language at all times.
5. Students should conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times.
6. Cell phones must be silenced and not in use (texting, gaming, etc.) during the academy. There will be several breaks provided in-between classes to allow students to check their phones. Prior approval can be allowed for a case-by-case circumstance to have phones on.
7. As a safety precaution, students should not wear jewelry, i.e. earrings, necklaces
8. Students must be dressed in appropriate clothing for active movement outdoors– i.e Gym shoes, weather appropriate clothing. Students will get slightly dirty and sweaty.

By signing this form, the student agrees to abide by the above mentioned guidelines and understands any violation can be cause for immediate dismissal from the academy. Any dismissal will be left to the discretion of either the class instructor or academy supervisor.

Student Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Release and Hold Harmless Agreement

I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that I am the parent or legal guardian for the minor child (Full Name) _____. In consideration for my minor child participating in the Windom Emergency Services Leadership Academy, sponsored by the Windom Police Department, Windom Ambulance and the Windom Fire Department. The undersigned hereby agrees that I will assume any and all risks resulting from the attendance and participation of my child at such functions and activities of the Windom Emergency Services Leadership Academy program. I further release all instructors and their respected sponsoring agencies from any and all liability resulting from my minor child's attendance and participation.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless all employees, officers, instructors, their employers, and any volunteers from any and all claims, demands, expenses and liability, whether for personal injury, death or property damage arising out of the participation of my minor child in the Windom Emergency Services Leadership Academy function or activity.

I further consent and authorize the Academy's directors, instructors, and their agencies to make use of my minor child's name, pictures, photographs and other likeness of the child in newspapers, advertisements, or on any of the agency's websites to further promote the Academy program.

Permission to Conduct a Background Investigation

As an applicant for the Windom Emergency Services Leadership Academy, I hereby authorize the City of Windom Police Department to conduct a criminal history background investigation, including convictions, pending charges, and outstanding warrants. I understand that this criminal history check is being conducted due to the nature of the classes given at the Academy. I understand that all available police and criminal records will be checked and that the information will be used solely in determining eligibility of applicants for the Windom Emergency Services Leadership Academy. All information is to remain confidential as required by state and federal statutes. **A criminal record does not immediately bar a student from participating in the Academy but will be evaluated on a case by case situation.**

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____ Print Full Name: _____

Signature of Student: _____

Date: _____ Print Full Name: _____