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Abbotsford: The annual Abbotsford Police Junior Police Academy (JPA) starts today!

Twenty grade eleven and twelve students from various high schools in Abbotsford are spending their spring break all this week to learn what it is like to be a police officer. The twenty students were carefully selected from a group of over forty applicants to participate in the program which will teach basic law, police control tactics/self-defence, and even a day at the firearm range. The week-long program ends with the students applying what they have learned during a scenario-based training day where they will be challenged as "police officers" to resolve problems. All participants will also ride-along the side of a police officer during a real shift out on the road.

"This is a week we always really look forward to," said Youth Squad officer and JPA coordinator Cst. Robyn Lamarche. "It provides students a glimpse of what it's like to be a police officer by testing their abilities as if they were one."

The JPA runs Monday thru Friday this week. Media is invited to access this event throughout the week. Please contact Sgt. Casey Vinet who will coordinate access.

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