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Riverside Youth Court Fall Juror Training

Riverside, CA.— The Riverside Youth Court is accepting applications for its September 19, 2009 training session. The session runs from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm and will be held at the Arlington Library located at 9556 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, CA.

The Riverside Youth Court is an innovative approach to juvenile justice and acts as an early intervention for first-time offenders of misdemeanor crimes. It is designed to give youth between the ages of 10 and 17, who have broken the law and admitted their guilt, a second chance. Those who are eligible for the program will have the case heard in a real courtroom with youth serving as prosecuting and defense attorneys, court clerks, bailiffs and jurors. An actual judge will preside, but the youth jury will determine the sentence. The Riverside Youth Court is also designed to educate youth about the juvenile justice system. Through direct participation, youth court addresses the juvenile's responsibility for his or her behavior and holds the juveniles accountable to their community and peers. Involvement in youth court, either as a respondent or as a volunteer, increases their respect for the judicial process. Community service hours are given for all training and jury sessions.

The class size is limited to 100 people; seats will be given to the first candidates to complete their reservation via the Department's website at www.rpdonline.org/YouthCourt.

Reservations must be submitted by September 15th, 2009

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