



Upper Providence Township Emergency Services Academy



The goal of the Academy is to introduce the Cadets to the Emergency Services field. The UPT Emergency Services Academy Staff will introduce the Cadets to, or enhance their understanding of, Communication, Teamwork, and Leadership. All three of these elements are life skills that the Cadets will need for a career in emergency services as well as in their everyday lives.

Participation in the Academy will expose the Cadets to the challenges and physical rigors of a day in the life of an emergency responder. Emphasis will be placed on the need for teamwork, leadership, and effective communication. Cadets will find out first-hand what it physically and mentally takes to be a first responder.

What the UPT Academy program offers.

The program is designed to:

- Provide leadership and communications training for teens through hands-on experience and mentorship.
- Help teens gain valuable work experience in a realistic work environment.
- Build self-confidence and character as a valuable member of Upper Providence Township Emergency Services Academy.
- Develop respect and acceptance for all people with an appreciation of diversity.

To be part of the UPT Academy program takes commitment and maturity. This program has demands but it also has many rewards. The UPT Academy Staff will be there to help and guide you.

Requirements for applying to the UPT Academy Program.

These updates to the application process serve two purposes. First, they align the program with the standard application procedures used by all three emergency services, supporting the goal of giving cadets real-world experience. Second, as interest in the program continues to grow and the number of available positions remains limited, the enhanced application process helps ensure that priority is given to applicants who demonstrate a strong, genuine commitment to pursuing careers in emergency services.

- Applicants must be 10 to 15 years old during the summer.
- Submit a completed application (page 2 of this form).
- Submit a letter of recommendation from **1** current teacher, coach, or former employer (no family members) of the applicant (*this may not be required if participated in the program the previous summer*). Letters **must** be submitted in a sealed envelope signed and dated by the teacher, coach, or employer. **Please mail them to:** Upper Providence Township, Attn: Bob Steininger, 1286 Black Rock Rd, Phoenixville, PA 19460.
- You can download the letter from the website or scan the QR code:



- Submit an essay stating why you want to be a Cadet. The essay should be no more than 2-3 paragraphs. Essay **must** be hand-written.

All applicants will be notified in writing regarding the acceptance or rejection of their application no later than May 29, 2026. You will then be responsible for ensuring that all additional paperwork and payment are submitted by June 5, 2026, or your spot in the Academy may be forfeited to another applicant.



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UPT EMERGENCY SERVICES ACADEMY APPLICATION

Applicant's name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ School: _____

Applicant's Email: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Email: _____

Applicant's Phone (H): _____ Phone (Cell): _____

Please select T-shirt size:

Youth LG Youth XL Adult SM Adult MD Adult LG Adult XL Other _____

I understand that being a Cadet is part of an educational program that exposes those accepted to the rigors of a day in the life of an emergency responder. I understand that this is an active learning program that engages with multiple Upper Providence Township departments. I understand that I will be participating in activities, training, and exercises relevant to a career in the emergency services. I also understand that completing this application does not guarantee acceptance into the UPT Emergency Services Academy. Lastly, if accepted, I acknowledge that additional forms will need to be completed and that the program fee must be paid in full.

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTES:

- Application deadline is May 15, 2026.
- Status of approval or denial will be sent by May 29, 2026.
- There is a limit of 24 Cadets in the UPT Academy.

PLEASE EMAIL ALL APPLICATIONS TO: uptcamps@gmail.com

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