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TPD to teach TCALC students in Law and Public Safety pathway

TOPEKA, Kan. – The Topeka Police Department in partnership with Topeka Public Schools has created a pathway at The Topeka Center for Advanced Learning and Careers (TCALC).

In the pathway, students will learn and grow from experts in both the law and public safety fields. This will expand their understanding and experiences of the varied and diverse careers opportunities and tracks of our American Justice System.

The hands-on pathway taught by Topeka Police Officer Brandon Gogian includes field visits to municipal, state and federal courthouses; juvenile detention centers and prisons; crime scene labs; tactical support teams; local and federal law enforcement departments, fire departments; state and federal prosecutors; judges; local law firms; policy makers; and public and private social service agencies.

“We are extremely excited about the TCALC program we are launching in August in partnership with Topeka Public Schools,” said Chief Bill Cochran. “We will teach a class that specifically focuses on juniors and seniors that will help them prepare to graduate. The hopes are when we talk about recruiting, this will help create a local pool of young people that grow up in Topeka, go to school in Topeka and then go to work at the Topeka Police Department to protect our community.”

Students who take the pathway for a full year will obtain a professional CPR/First Aid certification and students who complete two years of the pathway will obtain the industry recognized Certified Protection Officer Credential.

