



The Law & Your Community

Frequently Ask Questions

1. Who is the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)?

The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) serves as the conscience of law enforcement by being committed to Justice by Action. NOBLE has nearly 60 chapters and represents over 3,000 members worldwide that represent chief executive officers and command-level law enforcement officials from federal, state, county, municipal law enforcement agencies, and criminal justice practitioners. NOBLE serves more than 60,000 youth through its major program components which include: Mentoring, Education, Leadership Development, and Safety.

2. What is the Law & Your Community?

The Law & Your Community is a nationally recognized hands-on interactive training program for young people ages 13-18 designed to improve their communications with law enforcement officers and their understanding of their federal, state and local laws. Components of the program include:

- **Citizenship:** The primary purpose of this module is to provide a short but insightful education of how our representative democracy works and the role that citizens play in this system. Emphasis is placed on the power that citizens have to affect the direction of their government by being active participants in the electoral process. Another purpose of the module is to show you why and how laws are made at the local, state, and national levels. A third purpose of the lesson is to stress the importance of laws and their purpose in maintaining the health and welfare of society as well as peace and order.
- **Law Literacy:** The primary purpose is to increase participants' knowledge base regarding common crimes that teens and young adults often find themselves charged with. A secondary purpose of the lesson is to influence decision-making such that participants will avoid purposely or inadvertently engaging in criminal activity. The final purpose of the lesson is to help participants analyze, evaluate, and correct behavior that may lead to entanglement into the criminal justice system.
- **Law Enforcement Engagement:** The purpose is to educate participants on the proper ways to respond during encounters with law enforcement and how to handle police misconduct (if it occurs) during, and after, the time the misconduct takes place. Secondly, we will explore what Community Policing is and is not. Lastly, we will discuss the realities of working in Law Enforcement.

3. *How is the Law & Your Community program delivered?*

The program can be delivered through a 90 minute PowerPoint / Video presentation or in a sustained instructional environment lasting multiple weeks. In most cases, the presentation and Q/A will require 2 hours. This program can also be delivered in a school setting.

4. *How do I schedule a Law & Your Community program event?*

The first step is to complete the request form and submit to the attention of Earlene Wood Reynolds, NOBLE National Office, Program Project Manager. Ms. Reynolds can be contacted at ereynolds@noblenatl.org. The National Office will work with the requesting organization to review the event details and finalize the planning and execution. NOBLE requires a minimum of three weeks from initial request date to the scheduled event.