

## **Anne Arundel County Police Department Teen Court Dress, Conduct and Behavior Code**

These rules and guidelines apply to respondents as well as all volunteer participants in the courtroom. It is important to remember that you are participating in a court of law and that your manner of dress and your conduct must display the proper respect for the court.

### **Dress Code: Business Casual**

#### **Teen Court Volunteers are Not Permitted to Wear:**

- Articles of clothing that promote drugs, alcohol, profanity, obscenity, violence, and symbols of hate;
- Articles of clothing that promote gang colors, gang affiliation, gang initiation, or gang-related signs;
- Clothing that shows bare skin between the upper chest and mid thigh, including bare chest, back, or midriff, or underwear.
- Shorts, blue jeans, sweat pants, open toe shoes, slippers, or hats.

### **Conduct and Behavior Code**

#### **Requirements**

- Arrive at the 5:00 PM start time.
- Be courteous and respectful to all participants.
- Always pay attention to the court proceedings.
- Speak clearly and loudly.
- Keep your voices down in the jury deliberation room.
- Always address the judge as “Judge \_\_\_\_\_” or “Your Honor”.
- Remain in the courtroom once a hearing has begun.
- Refrain from facial expressions, nodding/shaking your head or conduct that might indicate your agreement/disagreement with the court proceedings.

#### **Restrictions**

- No cell phones on in the courtroom or the jury deliberation room.
- No photographing, recording or text messaging at any time. **Cell phones will be taken.**
- Cannot do homework or other work in the courtroom or jury deliberation room.
- Cannot carry on private conversations in the courtroom or deliberation room.
- Cannot display anger or lose your temper.
- Cannot bring food or drinks to court.
- Cannot chew gum in court.