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**Volusia County Teen Court to host open house May 1**

**Daytona Beach** – Celebrate Law Day Friday, May 1, during a Volusia County Teen Court Open House from noon to 1 p.m., at the Volusia County Courthouse Annex at City Island, 125 E. Orange Ave., Daytona Beach.

The event will include a short program, light lunch and mock trial, with Circuit Judge John W. Watson III presiding. Speakers include Chief Judge J. David Walsh, Circuit Judge Joseph G. Will and State Attorney R.J. Larizza.

Teen Court is a diversion program for juveniles charged with less serious crimes that can be handled outside of formal juvenile delinquency proceedings. Offenders are sentenced by their peers, who determine an appropriate sentence based on testimony given during a Teen Court “trial.”

Youth in grades 8 to 12 are eligible to participate in Teen Court. Teen volunteers must be in satisfactory academic standing and are required to serve at least six months. During the program, teens learn to be prosecutors, defense attorneys, trial clerks and jurors while also earning community service hours.

For more information or to RSVP for the open house, call (386) 239-7812.

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