

## TEEN COURT

### ROLE OF JUROR

#### PRIOR TO TRIAL:

1. Register and sign the confidentiality oath.
2. Check in with the court clerk.
3. Look at docket sheet to see if there is a Offender with whom you feel there may be a conflict.
4. Follow the instructions of the foreperson assigned to your jury.

#### IN THE COURTROOM:

1. Take your seat in the Jury Box. Judge will ask you to rise again and be sworn in/take confidentiality oath.
2. Do not visit with other jurors.
3. Listen attentively to the attorneys' questions and the Offender' s answers.
4. When it is time to retire to the deliberation room, follow your Teen Court foreperson.

#### IN THE DELIBERATING ROOM:

1. The Foreperson will lead deliberations. Refer to the community action points guidelines. The Foreperson will record the decisions of the jury on the Jury Report Form.
2. The jury foreperson will be responsible for conducting the deliberation session, writing the consequences and reading the sentence to the Offender in the courtroom.
3. New jurors will be joining the jury because they are Offenders who have been sentenced to jury duty. Please show respect for them.
4. All jurors are to be responsible for maintaining order, proceeding with deliberations as quickly as possible and contributing to the deliberation process.
5. Remember, jury members are only dealing with information which was put forth in the court session. **Personal knowledge of the Offender and what they have or have not done should not be brought up or considered in deliberations.**
6. What about the believability of the witness? You will need to consider their demeanor when testifying, their character, their degree of remorse and any consistent/inconsistent

statements made by them. You also need to consider the extent of their ability or willingness to recollect or communicate their testimony, and their attitude toward the case.

7. You are there to do a job. **Keep your personal experiences out of your decision making and do not share your personal experiences with the other jurors to try and sway the decision one way or another.** Consider only the information presented in the courtroom.

8. If Offender jurors bring up the sentences they received for a similar offense, the Foreperson is to quickly tell them that information is not pertinent for this case. Jurors are to disregard those statements and decide the consequences solely on the basis of the information presented in court.

9. Tell your bailiff or Adult Teen Court Volunteer when:

- 1) Jury deliberations are over.
- 2) You have the Jury Report Form completed; and
- 3) You are ready to return to the courtroom.

**BACK IN THE COURTROOM:**

1. When asked for, give the Jury Report Form to the bailiff.
2. When the judge asks, "Has the Jury reached a decision?" the foreperson will stand and say, "Yes, we have, Your Honor".
3. When the judge asks the foreperson will read the sentence in a loud and clear voice.