



PRESS RELEASE

Sheriff Garrett Offering Citizens' Academy

August 1, 2013--The Citizens' Academy is part of Sheriff Pat Garrett's continuing effort to promote and preserve a safe community through quality service and citizen involvement. Sheriff Garrett sees a real value in helping develop citizen awareness and understanding of the role of law enforcement in our communities.

The Citizens' Academy is a 55 hour long training program that combines classroom and "hands-on" instruction. The classes give citizens an opportunity to observe the inner workings of their Sheriff's Office. Students are actively involved in many interesting activities such as using police equipment, participating in jail activities, and participating in several role-playing scenarios.

Sheriff's Office personnel from many departments explain and demonstrate the duties and responsibilities of their jobs. Participants will tour the Sheriff's Office and other criminal justice facilities as part of the academy. Because the academy is an interactive program, student's questions and comments are encouraged throughout.

Some of the topics covered include Officer Selection and Training, various duties within the Sheriff's Office, Patrol Operations, Investigations, Tactical Operations, Use of Firearms, Jail Operations, Narcotics, Crime Scene Investigations, Canine, and Traffic Safety Unit.

The next Citizens' Academy begins Tuesday, September 3, 2013, and runs through graduation which is Tuesday, November 5, 2013. Classes are held every Tuesday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., with three weekend classes during each session. Classes are typically held in the training rooms at the Sheriff's Office, which is located at 215 SW Adams Avenue in Hillsboro.

To be eligible, participants must be at least 18 years of age and live in Washington County. They must also attend at least 10 of the 12 classes offered to qualify for graduation. Each academy is limited to 40 students, so please check your schedules carefully before applying for the course.



If you would like more information about the Sheriff's Office Citizen Academy, please contact Darlene Schnoor at (503) 846-2774 or by email at darlene_schnoor@co.washington.or.us.

Applications for the academy are available on-line:

(www.co.washington.or.us/Sheriff/GetInvolved/LearnMore/citizens-academy.cfm)

Interested people can also apply at the Sheriff's Office, which is located at 215 SW Adams Avenue in Hillsboro or at our East Precinct, which is located at 3700 SW Murray Boulevard in Beaverton.

Graduates of the Sheriff's Office Citizens' Academy will not be deputies or reserve deputies. They will however be better-informed citizens and will hopefully share their new-found knowledge with family, friends, neighbors and co-workers.