

Welcome to the Civilian Police Academy



Hollywood and the media portray a law enforcement career as one of Rambo wannabes, high speed chases, and bad guys confessing within an hour or two. The objective of the Sheriff's Office's Civilian Police Academy is to address the misconceptions and show the public what our officers *really* do.

The Orange County Sheriff's Office's long history of integrity, respect, commitment, fairness and courage is conveyed, in part, through the Civilian Police Academy. This fascinating and educational program is designed to teach its students about many of the critical inner-workings of the agency and how it serves the community.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

Although the course cannot possibly cover every aspect of law enforcement, it does give an overview of officer training, criminal investigations, community policing, speciality units, operational services, special operations, and court services. You will be able to tour the Communications Center, the Crime Scene/Forensics Lab, and the Mounted barn.

Upon graduation, you will have a new respect for law enforcement in general and the knowledge to speak with authority about the Sheriff's operations and practices. Having graduates as civilian spokespersons for the Sheriff's Office results in added commitment and support from the community in identifying and reporting crimes, and increased participation in Neighborhood Watch programs.

The Civilian Police Academy students will be able to:

- Ride with a deputy
- Attend an extended firearms course
- Volunteer
- Join the Academy Alumni Association

WHEN WE MEET

This academy is a 13-week program. Classes are offered twice a year, spring and fall. The class meets one night a week from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. There are no physical requirements. The academy is FREE to the community.

The Civilian Police Academy is for personal enrichment and not for employment.

THE FUN DOESN'T STOP ONCE THE COURSE IS OVER!

Once the class has been completed, the Sheriff's Office offers continued education with the Orange County Civilian Police Academy Alumni Association. This group meets once a month at a designated location within the Sheriff's Office Complex.

If you would like to attend this outstanding program, please contact the Civilian Police Academy, which is located within the Community Relations Division at 2500 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32804 or call 407-254-7371 for additional information and/or to request an application.



Mission Statement



To promote a greater understanding of law enforcement through education and personal interaction.

REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must be at least 19 years of age or older.
- Applicant must submit an application and be approved for enrollment.
- Applicant must not have an arrest record.

For additional information contact:

407-254-7371

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