

# 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:

**407-254-7000**

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# Welcome to the Civilian Police Academy



Few people would argue against the fact that law enforcement is one of the most fascinating careers one could choose to pursue. And you will never, ever, get the real, inside scoop of how a law enforcement agency works or why things happen the way they do on an evening newscast or on one of those prime time, "solve the crime in one-hour," television shows.

But you can get a first hand, up close and personal look at how the Orange County Sheriff's Office works, right from the men and women who are on the streets doing the job, at the Orange County Sheriff's Office Civilian Police Academy.

This free 12-week program is open to any citizen on a first come, first served basis. Your instructors will include homicide detectives, robbery investigators, crime scene investigators, and the undercover deputies working dangerous narcotics investigations. You'll hear from members of the SWAT team, crime prevention officers, and even receive a tour of the agency's Communications Center.

Seating is extremely limited for this popular program so we encourage you to submit your application early. You won't find a better way to learn about your Sheriff's Office and the dangerous and difficult jobs that the men and women who serve within it do than by attending our civilian academy!

I would like to extend my personal invitation to you to join your fellow citizens and attend one of our upcoming Civilian Police Academies. I sincerely believe it will be an experience you will never forget.

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Jerry L. Demings".

Sheriff Jerry L. Demings

## 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, specialty units, operational services, special operations, and court services. You will be able to tour the Communications Center and the Crime Scene/Forensics Lab.

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 participating in Neighborhood Watch programs.

The Civilian Police Academy students will be able to:

- Ride with a deputy
- Volunteer
- Join the Academy Alumni Association

## WHEN WE MEET

This academy is a 12-week program. Classes are offered twice a year, spring and fall. The class meets one night a week from 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM. 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 academy 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 Central Operations complex.

If you would like to participate in this outstanding program, please contact the Civilian Police Academy by calling 407-254-7000 or visit us online at [www.ocso.com](http://www.ocso.com) for more information and to apply.

