



How to apply:

Applicants are selected to attend the “CITIZENS ACADEMY” after first submitting a completed application and pending the outcome of a background inquiry.

Potential candidates names are then selected by lottery. Class size is set at thirty (30) participants.

If you, or someone you know, would like to apply for a seat in the next “CITIZENS ACADEMY”, please contact the Community Relations department of the Leon County Sheriff’s Office at:

2825 Municipal Way
Tallahassee, Florida 32302-0727
Telephone (850) 606-3270

Download the application from our website
at
<http://lcsso.leonfl.org/citizens.htm>



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Leon County Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy



*A Better
Understanding
Between Citizens And
Law Enforcement
Through Education*

What is a Citizen's Police Academy?

The "CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY" concept started in England. It was first adopted in this country by the Orlando, Florida Police Department in 1985.

The Leon County Sheriff's Office version is simply called the "CITIZENS ACADEMY". It is modeled after the Orlando academy and designed to promote better understanding between the Sheriff's Office and the citizens of Leon County.

The Leon County Sheriff's Office "Citizens Academy" offers a different and exciting program unique to our area. The curriculum and training are not what you might expect.



Who typically attends?

The students attracted to the academy are a culturally diverse group of people including bankers, businessmen and women, judges, housewives, school teachers, media representatives, retirees and citizens from all walks of life.

What should I expect?

Participants meet one evening a week for 10 weeks. They learn about virtually every aspect of a deputy's job including recruiting, administration, patrol operations, traffic enforcement and communications, criminal law, SWAT and hostage negotiations, crime scene investigations, corrections and many other areas.



The Citizens Academy doesn't limit participants to classroom training. Students are given the opportunity to:

- Ride with a deputy during a tour of duty.
- Tour the detention facilities and courthouse.
- Attend a SWAT demonstration at the Law Enforcement Academy.
- Shoot some of the high powered weapons used by deputies.

What benefit does this program offer?

Although graduates of the Citizens Academy are not qualified for daily street duty, they do acquire a better understanding of the Leon County Sheriff's Office operations and responsibilities. Citizens Academy graduates gain greater awareness and appreciation of the difficult challenges and decisions a deputy sheriff faces every day.

Community involvement is the most powerful force any law enforcement agency has in the fight against crime. Through the "CITIZENS ACADEMY", citizens become more involved in making Tallahassee and Leon County a better place to live.

