Great Falls Police Department Citizens' Academy

What is the Citizens' Academy?
The Academy runs twice a year usually in the Spring and Fall. The Citizens' Academy is a group of Great Falls area citizens who are interested in learning more about how their police department operates and the policing challenges our community faces. The Academy training will consist of classroom and "hands on" training with emphasis on student involvement.

What is the purpose of the Citizens' Academy?
The purpose of the Great Falls Police Citizens' Academy is to promote and enhance citizen understanding and awareness of the role of the Great Falls Police Department. The program is designed to develop positive relations between the police and the community through education. The goals are to create a growing nucleus of responsible, well-informed citizens who have a better perception of police practices and services.

Who instructs the Academy?
Instructors are officers and personnel from the department who speak on their areas of expertise, as well as specialized guest speakers.

What subjects are covered?

- Class #1 Intro/Chief's Message
- Class #2 Records/ Patrol Functions/ Support Services
- Class #3 Firearms Simulator/ K9/ DUI & DRE
- Class #4 Taser
- Class #5 Street Crimes/ Gangs
- Class #6 High Risk Unit (HRU)
- Class #7 Detectives
- Class #8 Hot Stops/ Asp/ Pepper Spray/ Handcuffing
- Class #9 Sex Crimes/ Crimes against children
- Class #10 Judge/ Probations/ Bail Bonding
- Class #11 Live Range Day/ Jail Tour / Dispatch Tour
- Class #12 Prosecuting Attorney/ Defense Attorney

- Class #13 GRADUATION

How are participants selected?
Participants must be 18 years of age or older. They must be a resident of Great Falls or the surrounding area. We will conduct background checks on all participants. Participants approval will be at the discretion of the Academy facilitator and the police administration.

When does class meet?
The Spring Academy will begin February 26th 2014 .

Participation requires a commitment of one Wednesday evening per week to include graduation, plus one Saturday afternoon, for a total of 12 weeks and 13 classes. Participants will meet on Wednesday evenings, from 6:30 PM to aprx. 9:30 PM. The Saturday afternoon session will be from 11:00 PM to 5:00 PM. In addition, at the participants' option, ride-alongs with a patrol officer may be scheduled.

Classes are held at the Great Falls Police Department's Regional Training Center, 112 1st St. So.

What do I do next?

The Spring 2014 Citizens' Academy is full. The next class will be in the Fall.

The application form can be found here. Thank you for your interest in the City of Great Falls Police Department.

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