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SECOND ANNUAL CITIZEN’S ACADEMY NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Are you interested in law enforcement in Fauquier County? Do you want to know more about the role your Sheriff’s Office plays in our day-to-day life in Fauquier?

The Fauquier County Sheriff’s Office is providing citizens the opportunity to experience its roles and responsibilities through the Citizen’s Academy. Participants should have a desire to better understand and learn about the hard work of their Sheriff and his Deputies.

Participants will have the opportunity to meet members of the Fauquier County Sheriff’s Office through classroom presentations and first-hand exposure to their duties. Participants will learn and experience areas of the agency to include Civil Process/Court Security, Communications (911), Criminal Investigations, Corrections, Patrol Operations, and School Resource (SRO). Demonstrations will include the Sheriff’s Emergency Response Team (SERT), Drones (UAS), Crime Scene Investigators (CSI), Bike Unit, Canine Unit (K-9), and much more.

The Sheriff’s Citizens Academy is open to all Fauquier County residents. Participants must be over 18 years of age and pass a simple background check. Space in the academy is limited to 20 participants with the expectation all meetings will be attended. The Sheriff’s Citizens Academy will be held at the Fauquier County Sheriff’s Office, 78 W. Lee Street, Warrenton, VA 20186 beginning June 2, 2020. Once Sheriff Citizen’s Academy Coordinators receive your application and it is approved, a confirmation letter with additional information will be sent to the email provided on the application no later than May 1, 2020.

- Applicants must be a current Fauquier County citizen
- Applicants must be 18 years of age or older
- Applicants should plan to attend the entire academy lasting one night a week for 9 weeks
- Applicants must pass a simple background check and considered in good standing with no criminal issues.
- Once the academy class of 20 is full, the enrollment process will be closed and all remaining student will be placed on a waiting list for the next academy. If vacancies occur they will be filled in the order the applications were received.

To apply to the Citizen’s Academy:

Go to the Sheriff's Office webpage:

<https://www.fauquiercounty.gov/government/departments-h-z/sheriff-s-office/sheriff-s-office-citizen-s-academy>

The required forms are there as well as information about the academy.

** Completed applications must be **mailed or delivered** to the Sheriff's Office at 78 West Lee Street, Warrenton, VA 20186, Attention Lt. Rick MacWelch.

There is no cost, the course is completely free! We are looking forward to sharing our experiences with you, learning with you and developing meaningful community relationships with you as you progress through the academy!



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