



LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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The twenty-first session of the Lake County Sheriff's Office Citizens' Academy is scheduled to commence on May 28th, 2019, and will be held in Middletown.

Since the academy's inception in January of 1998, over 300 members of the community have successfully completed the program. The Citizens' Academy has proven to be a highly successful endeavor to educate residents of Lake County on the operations of the Sheriff's Office, as well as the issues relating to law enforcement and the judicial system in general. The Citizens' Academy has brought the communities of Lake County closer to their Sheriff's Office with each graduating class and in 2002, the program received the "Stars of Lake County" award for best idea of the year in Lake County.

While the program is primarily intended for members of the community simply seeking to become more informed on law enforcement issues, those contemplating a career in law enforcement are also welcome to apply. The overall focus of the program is to provide a better understanding of the policies and procedures of the Sheriff's Office, as well as the approach taken to provide law enforcement services to Lake County communities.

Subject matters for the academy include: The history of the Office of the Sheriff; the selection and training process for new employees; field training program; central dispatch operations; the role and responsibilities of the uniformed deputy; gang enforcement; criminal investigations; crime scene investigations; elder abuse investigations; sex crimes investigations; jail operations; use of force; marine patrol services; narcotics investigations; the civil process; coroner's investigations; press relations; tactical (SWAT/SERT) operations; school resource deputy; search and rescue operations; K-9 enforcement; internal affairs investigations; marijuana investigations; the sheriff's chaplain program; emergency services and the budget process.

The program consists of fifteen (15), three hour classes offering classroom and "hands-on" instruction by Deputy Sheriffs, Custody Staff, Supervisors, Civilian Employees and Command Staff whose assignments are specific to their respective subject of training. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM and conclude each night at 9:00 PM.

There is no cost to those attending the academy. However, applicants must meet the following minimum qualifications:

- Resident or employment in Lake County
- At least 18 years of age
- No felony convictions
- No misdemeanor convictions within three years
- Able to attend all fourteen sessions

Anyone interested in becoming a more informed member of the community is encouraged to participate in this worthwhile program. Those wishing to enroll can do so by visiting the Sheriff's Office web page at lakesheriff.com, where you will find a link for the application and instructions. Applications must be received no later than May 16, 2019. Class size will be limited to 25 students. Qualified applicants who are not selected for the Summer 2019 academy, will be given priority in future academies. For additional information, please contact the academy director, Lieutenant Corey Paulich, at 262-4200.