

Police Community Academy is Here Again!

The Pierce County Sheriff's Department's Community Academy is an opportunity for citizens to learn firsthand about law enforcement and the department's role. Two new 13-week sessions will be starting next month and applications are now being accepted.

The first academy session will start on Jan. 14 at the Key Center Fire Station in Lakebay. Classes will meet Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Registration deadline is Jan. 5, 2010 or until filled.

Another session will be starting Feb. 10 at the South Hill Precinct. Classes will meet Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Registration deadline is Jan. 22, 2010 or until filled.

Class size is limited to 30 people, and pre-registration is required. Applicants must be at least 16 years old.

Applications are available at <http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/pc/abtus/ourorg/sheriff/academyapp.htm> .

The course will familiarize the public with all aspects of the Sheriff's Department and provides insight into the practices of law enforcement and the criminal justice system. The academy also affords an opportunity to meet the sheriff and other department members.

The classes cover constitutional law, procedures of patrol deputies, detectives, internal investigations, narcotics, K-9, crime analysis and domestic violence. Field trips are scheduled to the 9-1-1 Communications Center, Forensics, Jail and the Marksman Firing Range.

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