

*The 2009 Academy is scheduled to occur on Wednesday nights from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Classes start on February 4, with Graduation Ceremony on March 4<sup>th</sup>.*

## **PARTICIPANT QUALIFICATIONS**

The Citizen Police Academy strives to include the broadest range of diversity within our community and so invites applications from community residents of all ethnic, cultural and civic groups.

Qualifications:

- Minimum age of 16 years. Applicants under 18 must have signed consent form and be accompanied during classes by a parent a legal guardian.
- Live or work in the Grass Valley Area.
- No felony convictions.
- No misdemeanor convictions within one year of application.
- Not to miss more than two classes.

After completing and submitting an application, a member of the police department will contact candidates for an interview. A brief background check will be done to confirm eligibility. Parents or legal guardians accompanying minors must also submit an application and undergo a background check. Class size is limited to 25 participants. Acceptance is based on qualifications, background and by date of receipt of the application.

## **APPLICATION DEADLINE JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2008**

An application received after this date may be denied due to insufficient time to conduct a background check. Please apply as early as possible. Space is limited.

For more information about the Citizen Police Academy or to request an application, please contact Detective Colin Nelson or Community-Service-Officer Joan Nio at the Grass Valley Police Department (530) 477-4600.



### **Citizen Police Academy**

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# **Citizen Police Academy**

### **Mission Statement:**

Provide effective and courteous community policing services while preserving the legal rights of all individuals and reducing the impact of crime.

# YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE...

in the Grass Valley Police Department Citizen Police Academy.

Attending this Academy is a great way to learn about the Grass Valley Police Department and the criminal investigation process.

## COMMUNITY POLICING

The Citizen Police Academy is one of the many services that the Grass Valley Police Department provides based on the philosophy of community policing. We believe that citizens informed about, aware of, and active in, crime prevention build a community where crime cannot flourish.

Solutions to today's community problems work best when citizens and police join in partnership to develop fresh ideas for addressing citywide and neighborhood concerns.

## ACADEMY OBJECTIVES

Classes are designed to give each graduate:

- An understanding of the Criminal Investigation process and practices.
- General knowledge of the criminal justice system and the role this Department has in it.

- An awareness of what it is like to conduct investigations and insight into the daily challenges investigating officers face.
- Knowledge of Crime Scene Investigation, including various aspects of evidence collection, processing, and procedures. This involves DNA, Fingerprinting, and Investigation of Computer-Based crimes.

Information on volunteer opportunities and how to become a member of the Volunteer Program will also be shared.

## CLASS TOPICS

Although specific courses may vary in depth of coverage, depending on the instructors, the Academy provides information on:

- Introduction to DNA and the use of DNA in criminal investigations
- Fingerprinting. Overview of various fingerprinting techniques, limitations, and its impact on criminal investigations.
- Investigation of High Tech crimes, including computer-based crimes.
- Criminal Procedure. Discussion of Law & Order and courtroom procedure as well as what happens when a case is filed

- Crime Scene Investigation. Introduction into evidence collection as well as a chance to investigate a crime scene.

## ACADEMY INSTRUCTORS

Most instructors are sworn officers, of all ranks, of the Grass Valley Police Department who teach in their areas of expertise. Other instructors are connected with the department either as employees or volunteers, or as members of other agencies in law enforcement or criminal justice.

## PARTICIPATION & COMMITMENT

The Academy is a 5-week program which provides instruction, discussion, and participation. Classes meet from 6:30pm to 8:30pm one night a week.

Most classes will meet at Grass Valley Fire Station #2 located at Sierra College Drive. Dress is casual, the classroom atmosphere is relaxed and everyone is encouraged to ask questions.

Participation in the Academy is minimal and is based the cost of materials.

**Call (530) 477-4600**