

Ft. Pierce Police Department

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Citizen's graduate tonight from police academy

FORT PIERCE - The 2008 Fort Pierce Police Department Citizen Police Academy culminates with a graduation ceremony tonight, December 9, 2008, 7 to 9 p.m.

The special ceremony will be held at the department's main station, 920 S. US #1 in Fort Pierce, marks the group's completion of the 7-session academy. Since October participants in the department's Citizen's Police Academy received a bird's eye view of law enforcement operations. Approximately 30 local residents met the requirements to be accepted to the fall academy.

The Citizen Police Academy is designed to give participants a basic knowledge of how their police department operates. Instruction is presented by experienced police officers and instructors from the Fort Pierce Police Department.

While the Citizen Police Academy is not a training class, it is an exciting opportunity to gather information while providing a behind-the-scenes look at the various functions within the police department.

The weekly sessions are informal and questions are encouraged. Classroom presentations, lectures and "hands-on" experiences, offer participants valuable insight into the operations of the police department. The Citizen Police Academy is also intended to build a stronger bond of mutual trust and respect between the police department and our community. There is no charge to attend the Citizen Police Academy.

During the academy, session topics included a tour of the 911 Emergency Headquarters and the St. Lucie County Jail; ride-a-longs with officers and participation in a mock crime scene investigation. In order to be accepted, candidates must meet several requirements.

A spring Citizen's Police Academy is being planned. If you are curious about police officers, have questions regarding law enforcement or crime prevention then, the police academy is for you. For more information contact Officer Daniella Dreizehnter at 772-464-1235.

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