

Ft. Pierce Police Department

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Police accepting applications for citizen police academy

FORT PIERCE – The wait is over for those wanting to know what it is like to walk in the shoes of a Fort Pierce police officer.

The department is accepting applications through March 30, 2010, for the next class of the Citizen Police Academy. The four-week academy is scheduled to begin April 6 and end with a graduation ceremony on Tuesday, April 27, 2010. Classes will be held every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. and on Saturdays, April 10 and April 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

“The academy helps to dispel misconceptions about law enforcement and gives participants a basic knowledge of how their police department operates,” said Officer Dani Dreizehnter, academy coordinator. “The outcome is a positive relationship and shared partnership between civilians and law enforcement personnel.”

The academy will be held at the main police main station at 920 S. U.S. 1. It is open to participants 18 years of age or older. Priority will be given to persons, who live or work in the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency target area. While the 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, Dreizehnter said.

Crime prevention, use of force, crime scene investigations and high-risk traffic stops are among the topics for the classes. The highlight of the academy are the Saturday classes set for April 10 and April 24 at the [main](#) station and the skid pad, respectively, where participants will see demonstrations by SWAT and the K-9 unit and be given the opportunity to experience the driver training needed to become a patrol police officer.

"If you've ever wonder what the budget for the police department is or why there may be several patrol cars on a traffic stop, this class is for you," Dreizehnter said.

Applications are available at the police main station, located at 920 S. U.S. #1, substation at 1220 Avenue D or by visiting our website at www.fppd.org. Completed applications can be dropped off at the main station or substation, mailed to the Fort Pierce Police Department, 920 S. U.S. #1, Fort Pierce, FL 34950 or faxed to 772-464-9801 to the attention of Officer Dani Dreizehnter.

For more information or to request an application, contact Officer Dreizehnter, (772) 464-1235 or click on the links below.

http://www.fppd.org/CPA_Flyer_April_2010.pdf

http://www.fppd.org/CPA_APPLICATION_INFORMATION.pdf

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