

## **CITIZEN'S ACADEMY**

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### **The Sonoma County Sheriff and the Sonoma Police Department are proud to announce The Sonoma Valley Citizen's Academy**

**April 19th- May 24th 2017, every Wednesday evening from 6pm-9pm at  
The Sonoma Police Department  
and 9am-5pm Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> in Santa Rosa**

The Sonoma Valley Citizen's Academy provides residents with an inside look at local law enforcement. The seven week academy is designed to give participants an overview of our office, policies and procedures– with a specialized focus on our unique Sonoma Valley law enforcement model.

During the academy, students will learn about police ethics, communications, crime prevention, criminal law, the correctional system, all of our investigation units including: CSI, Coroner, Violent Crimes, Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault, Narcotics, and much more. Academy classes are taught by Sheriff's Office executives and veteran personnel and participants are encouraged to ask questions.

The Sonoma County Sheriff's Office and the Sonoma Police Department hope there will be a greater awareness and understanding of law enforcement's role in the community through the education provided by the Citizen's Academy. The curriculum and teaching methods are similar to the traditional police academy, but the weekly sessions are not designed to make the participant a peace officer.

The Sonoma Valley Citizen's Academy is seven weeks. Classes meet Wednesday evenings from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Sonoma Police Department 175 First Street West in Sonoma. We will have one all day class in Santa Rosa on a Saturday for equipment demonstrations and tour the Main Office and the Jail.

**We are currently taking applications for the Academy. Applications must be received by April 3, 2017.**

#### **Participant Requirements**

Potential candidates for the Academy must meet the following criteria:

- Minimum age of 18 years
- Reside or work in Sonoma County
- Pass a basic background check
- No prior felony convictions
- No misdemeanor arrests within the last twelve months

Members of civic groups or community organizations are encouraged to apply. Enrollment is limited to approximately twenty students.

Applications are available at our website [www.sonomasheriff.org](http://www.sonomasheriff.org) or our office. Completed applications can be delivered in person or mailed to:

**Sonoma Police Department 175 First Street West Sonoma CA 95476**

If you have questions about the Sonoma Valley Citizen's Academy please contact:

**Darcy Proctor or Leticia Carranza at the Sonoma Police Department (707) 996-3602**