

## **Sheriff's Office Recruits Citizens for Academies**

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The Snohomish County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for the annual Citizen's Academy. The academy is a free, 13-week program for residents of the county to learn more about day-to-day operations of law enforcement. This winter the Sheriff's Office will hold two academies. North precinct classes will be held at Lakewood High School (17023 11<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Arlington) on Tuesday evenings beginning January 27. South precinct classes will be held at the Cathcart Way Operations Center (8915 Cathcart Way, Snohomish) on Thursday evenings beginning January 29. Classes are 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., with one Saturday field trip.

"Attending a citizen's academy is a great way for residents to get hands-on experience and exposure to the work of a Sheriff's deputy, including K9 enforcement, investigations, and search and rescue," said Sheriff Ty Trenary. "By giving Snohomish County residents a firsthand look at our training, procedures, and equipment, we can alleviate a lot of misunderstanding and misconceptions that the public has of law enforcement."

The program will include classroom training, hands-on participation, and the opportunity to ride on patrol with a deputy. Attendees will learn about:

- Patrol procedures and equipment
- Traffic operations and collision investigations
- K-9 enforcement
- Drugs and gangs
- Domestic violence
- Child abuse
- Crime scene technology
- Major crime investigations
- Sex offenders
- Jail operations
- Search and rescue
- Special weapons and tactics (SWAT)

"I had the honor of attending the Snohomish County Sheriff's Department Citizens Academy held in East County," said Bothell resident Chris Hendrickson. "It was an amazing and eye-opening experience that everyone could benefit from."

Space is limited. Applications are available online at <http://wa-snohomishcounty.civicplus.com/Citizens-Academy>. All class participants must pass a basic criminal background check. Applications are accepted up through the start of the academy. For more information, email [academy@snoco.org](mailto:academy@snoco.org).

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