

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q. How much does it cost?**

A. Nothing

**Q. How many classes are there?**

A. 10 classes for approximately 3<sup>1/2</sup> hours on Tuesday nights. Plus, there is one Saturday morning for a special demonstration.

**Q. Who instructs the Academy?**

A. Approximately 25 different individuals, including over 20 certified deputies, plus other criminal justice professionals.

**Q. What do the classes consist of?**

A. A variety of things to include lectures, demonstrations, and tours of the County Detention Center and 911 Center.

**Q. Does the Academy lead to a job in law enforcement?**

A. No, it's not a training class for employment opportunities.



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- *Your Rights Under the Law*
- *The Juvenile Crime Situation*
- *Demonstration of the K9 Unit*
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*Come Meet People!*

*Come Make New Friends!*

## OCONEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## Citizen's Police Academy

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### What is the Citizen Police Academy?

The Citizen Police Academy is a ten week program designed to give the participants a working knowledge of the Oconee County Sheriff's Office. It consists of a series of classes and discussions held once a week for up to three and one half hours. The class is limited to approximately 25 students with no cost to anyone who enrolls in the program.

The objective is to give a general understanding of the various operations of our profession and how we carry out our duties. It is an educational and informative program designed to give citizens the opportunity to learn about the issues that affect law enforcement efforts within Oconee County.

### What are the Academy Goals?

The goal of the Citizens Police Academy is to help the citizens who live and/or work within Oconee County to better understand how the Sheriff's Office works in their community. It is our goal that all graduates of the Citizen's Police Academy will get to know more about the men and women of the Oconee County Sheriff's Office who are protecting their community and why they make the decisions they do while performing their duties.

### Format:

The academy runs each Tuesday night for ten weeks with most classes being held between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

### Why we have the program?

The Oconee County Sheriff's Office is committed to the philosophy of Community Policing and being in partnership with the Community. The Citizen's Police Academy will provide a forum to improve the lines of communication between the Sheriff's Office and the community. It is our goal that each graduate will become partners with the Sheriff's Office and assist us in identifying problems and solutions to quality of life issues that face our community. Graduates will be able to take their knowledge back into their neighbor-



hoods where they can inform other community members.

### What are the Benefits?

Community members will become much more informed about the Oconee County Sheriff's Office, which will provide for better understanding of what the Sheriff's Office can and cannot do. The Sheriff's Office and the citizens benefit by meeting each other face to face in friendly setting. Participating citizens get to know the person behind the badge while the deputies are exposed to the citizens in a non-confrontational, non-threatening environment. As a result, deputies and citizens foster an improved relationship with increased respect for one another.

### Who can Attend?

Individuals who apply for the Citizen's Police Academy must be at least 18 years of age. They must also live or work within Oconee County, SC. Applicants will be subject to a background check and will be informed in writing or by phone as to whether they have been accepted, denied, or placed on a waiting list for a future class.

The Citizen's Police Academy is coordinated by the Oconee County Sheriff's Office Community Services. Please contact the Community Service Division for further information or enrollment in this class or future classes. Completed applications may be dropped off at the Oconee County Sheriff's Office located at 300 S. Church St. Walhalla, SC 29691.

### Or mailed to:

*Oconee County Sheriff's Office  
Attn: Citizen's Police Academy  
415 S. Pine St.  
Walhalla, SC 29691*

### Or submit your application via email to

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