



Citizens' Academy Provides Look Inside Local Law Agency *Program Application Period Open Through April 3, 2020*

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-March 3, 2020-Get to know the men and women who serve our community and understand the professional complexities of being a Steamboat Springs Police Officer during the 4th Annual Citizens' Academy.

"Our community is stronger together and this program provides unique insights into the department, modern policing and public safety," said Chief Cory Christensen "With a strong reputation from past participants, the academy has established itself as a key community leadership program and I urge community members to take part in this civic educational program."

Designed to enhance the community's knowledge about local law enforcement along with their duties and responsibilities, the 2020 Citizens' Academy runs for seven weeks and brings around a dozen community members together for two hours every Wednesday evening from April 29 through June 10. Held at the Combined Law Enforcement Facility, all classes are instructed by police personnel and there is no cost to the student.



Internally designed, the academy is set up to allow participation from a wide group of individuals and includes a modest physical element. The 7-week interactive curriculum will cover numerous topics associated with the department and general law enforcement touching upon the following areas:

Decision Making	Domestic Violence	Forensics
Use of Force	Police Ethics	Radar Enforcement
Self Defense Tactics	Firearms	Police Equipment
Drunk Driving Enforcement	MIPs/Juvenile Drinking	Animal & Code Enforcement
Drug Enforcement	Arrest Control	Criminal Justice Records

While the requirements to attend the academy are minimal, applicants must be at least 21 years of age, possess a high school reading and writing level and be able to sit for up to two hours in a classroom environment. Students will have opportunities to participate in more active police-related sessions, but participation in any hands-on training is voluntary. The Citizens' Academy is **NOT** an offer of employment, but a volunteer program to educate members of the community.

Applications and personal history statement may be found at steamboatsprings.net/CitizensAcademy. Materials must be returned by April 3, 2020 and individuals selected for the academy will be notified no later than April 20, 2020. A background check is required for all participants. For information specific to the Citizens' Academy application process, contact Brooke Northrop at 970.879.4344 or [email](mailto:brooke.northrop@steamboatsprings.net).

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