

WAUKEGAN CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

COURSE SYLLABUS

Week One

September 28, 2009

7:00-9:30 PM

Orientation: Mayor Robert Sabonjian and Chief Artis Yancey will conduct the official welcome of students, followed by a short introduction of guests by Citizen Police Academy Coordinator Officer Ken Roscher. A brief overview of the Citizen Police Academy concept will also be presented at this time, followed by the issuing of materials and an orientation.

Presented by: Mayor Robert Sabonjian, Chief Artis Yancey, Commander Bill Valko and Officer Ken Roscher

Criminal Justice 101: There is much confusion in the world of law enforcement about who is responsible for what. An officer will explain what branches of government are responsible for what actions in law enforcement. The presentation will begin with local levels of government going through state and federal. A walk through the criminal justice system as seen by the offender will also be reviewed.

Presented by: Officer Ken Roscher

Selection Process for Police Officers: An officer that assists in the hiring of police officers will discuss the qualifications and requirements of a Police Officer with the City of Waukegan. The selection process, testing, physical agility test, oral interviews, extensive background investigation, drug screening, and final selection process.

Presented by: Officer Luis Rodriguez

Police Academy: A former instructor at the Illinois State Police Academy will describe what a police officer must go through for training at the Academy.

Presented by: Officer Luis Rodriguez

Week Two
Monday, October 5, 2009
7:00-9:30 PM

F.T.O. program: A field training officer supervisor will give a presentation explaining the Field Training Officer program.

Presented by: Sergeant Timothy Buckingham

Patrol Functions: A patrol supervisor will explain basic patrol procedures, what the patrol officer is responsible for and his/her basic duties. Stressed will be the citizen contact and officer survival, patrol techniques and daily patrol officer duties.

Presented by: Deputy Chief Wayne Walles

Canine Demonstration: The canine staff will provide an overview of canine operations. The dog will display protection, building and people searches and all other related canine procedures. One of the most dangerous tasks performed by police officers are searches and all students will immediately see how valuable the canine program is.

Presented by: Deputy Chief Wayne Walles and the Canine Staff

Week Three
Monday, October 12, 2009
7:00-9:30 PM

SIG (Significant Incident Group): This is a group of officers that regularly attack street level problems on a daily basis.

Presented by: Sergeant Edgar Navaro

Crisis Negotiation Team: Commonly referred to as Hostage Negotiations. The title is changed because rarely ever is there an actual hostage taken however the person who needs talking out is virtually always in a crisis. The team is most used for barricaded or suicidal subjects.

Presented by: Sergeant Edgar Navaro and Officer Ken Roscher

Rapid Response Team: Commonly referred to as SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics), the Waukegan Police Department has RRT. The concept is different from the traditional SWAT tactics and deployment. SWAT generally moves slowly. RRT moves rapidly to overwhelm the threat. Members from RRT will give demonstration of the weapons that they are trained to use and explain how RRT works.

Presented by: Members of the Rapid Response Team

Week Four
Monday, October 19, 2009
7:00-9:30 PM

Fusion: A specialty group within the patrol division that is conducts a “fusion” of Patrol, Community Policing, Drug and Gang activities.

Presented by: Sergeant Tim McGurn

Police Weaponry/Use of Force: A firearms instructor will discuss the escalation of force and the related issued weaponry police officers carry and utilize. Also discussed will be the liabilities and legal issues concerning force. An in-depth presentation will also be conducted regarding pepper spray and its usage.

Presented by: Sergeant Tim McGurn

Week Five
Monday, October 26, 2009
7:00-9:30 PM

Drug Enforcement: Drug Enforcement Investigators will provide an overview of how narcotic violations are investigated and instruct and display the commonly used drugs in this area.

Presented by: Waukegan Police Department Neighborhood Enforcement Team

Gang and Gang Activity: Gang Officers will instruct on gang activity and gangs related to this area. They will provide insight as what gangs are, gang profiles and criminal activity and violence within gangs.

Presented by: Waukegan Police Department Neighborhood Enforcement Team

Week Six
Monday, November 2, 2009
7:00-9:30 PM

Range Time: Members who attended the Police Weaponry/Use of Force class will be able to fire some police handguns at the Waukegan Police Department range.

Presented by: Sergeant Tim McGurn and various range officers

Community Services/Tour/Communications: An officer will explain the Community Services program that has been instituted in Waukegan. Topics that will be covered are the bike patrols, landlord/tenant problems.

Communications supervisors will explain the importance and functionality of our 911 center.

A tour will be conducted of the Police Department and division heads of their particular area of expertise will conduct a brief presentation.

Presented by: Officer Ken Roscher

Week Seven
Monday, November 9, 2009
7:00-9:30 PM

Detective Bureau/Investigations: Investigators will thoroughly explain the investigative procedures of the detectives stand point of view to include felonies, misdemeanors, notice to appears, search warrants and all other related information.

Presented by: Sergeant Rob Beach

Juvenile Law: A Juvenile Investigator will provide an overview of Juvenile law, how the juvenile judicial system operates and current issues regarding youth.

The juvenile investigator will also explain our in school programs such as School Liaison Officers Programs to target at risk youth.

Presented by: On Duty Juvenile Officer

Week Eight
Monday, November 16, 2009
7:00-9:30 PM

Illinois Vehicle Code/Traffic Enforcement: Traffic Officers will provide an overview of traffic enforcement, Illinois vehicle code, radar enforcement and parking laws. The students will have an opportunity to ride with police officers and experience what radar guns do and the officer safety issues involved with traffic stops.

Presented by: Officer Michael Sliozis

D.U.I. Laws: DUI Officers will explain the Driving while under the Influence Laws and the problems that result from drinking and driving. Also explained will be the various types of accidents and how they are investigated and reconstructed.

Presented by: Officer Michael Sliozis

Outside traffic stops: Students will conduct traffic stops on role players in an extremely controlled environment but using a real police car on a real city street.

Presented by: Officer Michael Sliozis, Officer Ken Roscher and the Waukegan Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

Week Nine
Monday, November 23, 2009
7:00-9:30 PM

Crime Scene Processing/Preservation/Evidence Technicians Responsibilities:

The above officers will demonstrate various methods of collecting latent fingerprints, collecting evidence and how crime scene investigations are conducted, blood splatter interpretation and other techniques to process a crime scene.

Presented by: Officer Jeff Ferdina

Week Ten
Monday, November 30, 2009 or December 7, 2009 (class vote)
7:00-9:30 PM

Mock Mystery Investigation: Evidence Technicians and volunteers from the Waukegan Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association will conduct a mystery investigation utilizing members of the class to assist. Participants will get a good appreciation of how an investigation starts from beginning to the end.

Presented by: Officer Jeff Ferdina

Other Specialty Divisions: Evidence Control, Animal Wardens, Records, MIS, Parking Enforcement, Internal Affairs, CALEA, Grants, Emergency Management, Recruitment and Crime Prevention.

Presented by: Deputy Chief Daniel Greathouse and Officer Ken Roscher

Waukegan Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association: Members of the Waukegan Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (commonly called the WCPA3) will talk about their ongoing educational opportunities, volunteer activities and social networking.

Presented by: Maggie Powell, President of the Waukegan Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

Week Eleven
Graduation/Holiday Party
Tuesday December 15, 2009
7:00-????