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Ramsey County Sheriff's Office to hold Citizen Academy

Eight session course to be held in January and February on Wednesday evenings providing community members a behind the scenes look of the Sheriff's Office

Arden Hills, Minnesota: The Ramsey County Sheriff's Office is hosting a Citizen Academy in January 2020. This eight-week course will take participants on a behind the scenes journey of the work and activities of the Sheriff's Office. The course will begin Wednesday, January 8, 2020 and continue through February 26, 2020. Sessions will run each Wednesday for three hours per night, from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

The Sheriff's Office has held Citizen Academies since 1996. "This is a great opportunity for community members to get to know more about the Sheriff's Office and the people who work here," said Sheriff Bob Fletcher. "We're proud of the work we do every day and are excited to continue to engage with those we serve."

The Citizen Academy is taught by front-line employees to provide community members a better understanding of the duties, responsibilities, equipment, training, and facilities of the Sheriff's Office. Topics include patrol procedures, K-9, criminal investigations, crime scene processing, narcotics, crime prevention, and the Emergency Communications Center (9-1-1 system). The academy will also include the topics of court orders, civil process, criminal history, and warrants. In addition to classroom training, participants will receive tours of the Patrol Station, the Adult Detention Center (jail), and other Sheriff's Office facilities.

There is no fee, the only commitment is that participants are asked to attend all sessions. At the conclusion of the academy, graduates will receive a certificate of completion. Participants will also be offered volunteer opportunities to continue their partnerships with law enforcement.

Applicants must be 18 years of age and pass a criminal history background check. Academy size is limited. [Download the application](#) (pdf fillable form).

To request an application via email send your request to CrimePrevention@co.ramsey.mn.us. For an application via US Mail or for additional information, please call 651-266-7315.

Applications must be received by Tuesday, December 17, 2019.

Successful applicants will be notified via email.

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