

Gillette Police Department



Citizen's Police Academy

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Academy History

The Gillette Police Department started the Citizen's Police Academy in 2006 as part of our community policing based efforts.

The program is intended to open the lines of communication between the community and the Police Department, to facilitate the learning process for the general public so they may gain a better understanding of the inner workings of their municipal law enforcement agency, and to dispel the myths that television and media have created.

The citizens and police staff meet each other face to face in a neutral, friendly setting and each becomes a person to the other.

Through this process, it is hoped that the community will become more involved in policing itself and understand the importance of the community and the agency working together.

Program Details

The Citizen's Police Academy meets one night a week for twelve weeks and one weekend afternoon. Class is usually held from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and dinner is served prior to class.

Topics covered include:

- ▶ Family Violence
- ▶ Street & Motorcycle Gangs
- ▶ Polygraph
- ▶ Criminal Law
- ▶ Firearms Handling, Marksmanship & Practical
- ▶ Driving Under the Influence
- ▶ Defensive Tactics and the use of Tasers
- ▶ K-9 Operations
- ▶ Patrol Operations
- ▶ Tactical Team Operations
- ▶ Alcohol Abuse and Alcohol Protocols
- ▶ Drug Abuse Presentation
- ▶ Police Department Hiring Practices
- ▶ Media Relations
- ▶ Public Records
- ▶ Criminal Investigations
- ▶ Communications (911)
- ▶ School Emergency Preparedness