



Brunswick County Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy and Volunteer Programs

History & Purpose

- In 2008, Sheriff Ingram established a Citizens Law Enforcement Academy to educate and promote transparency between the Sheriff's Office and Brunswick County residents.
 - This initial course went the duration of "nine weeks"
 - It provided orientation and training with agency representatives from a variety of backgrounds and discipline.
 - Participation was solicited through flyers and mail in applications only.
 - Classes consisted of 25-30 students.

How often do we have classes?

- There are TWO sessions per year.
- Spring & Fall
- Take weather and timing of Holidays into consideration

Where and When

Location

- Majority of the classes are held in our training room.
- Other sites
 - Courthouse
 - ICW dock
 - K9 training
 - Range
 - Warehouse

Time

- Tuesday nights
 - 6pm-9pm
- Saturday classes (2)
 - 10am-2pm

How do we recruit participants?

- Community Events

- Engaging in conversation with new residents
- Handing out flyers
- Direct to website application

Application

Name (FNU/L): _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Zip: _____ DOB: _____
Employer: _____
Work Phone: _____
Work Address: _____
Cell Phone: _____
Email: _____
Drivers License #: _____ State: _____
SSN: _____
List any Community Groups (Affiliations): _____
How did you hear about the Citizens Academy? _____
Why do you want to attend? _____
Have you ever been charged or convicted of a crime?
Yes ___ No ___
If yes, briefly explain: _____
Short Size: ___ M ___ L ___ XL

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CITIZENS ACADEMY

Please return application to:
**Brunswick County Sheriff's Office
Crime Prevention Unit
70 Stamp Act Drive
Selma, NC 28422
Phone: 910-253-2777
Fax: 910-253-2705**

Sheriff John W. Ingram, V

- Social media

- Facebook,
- Nextdoor,
- Twitter
- Local news papers
- Local T.V. company



Selection of Participants

- Background check
 - Complete DCI inquiry
 - Complete RMS check
 - Give list of names to Narcotics and Detective supervisors
 - NCAWARE
- Disqualifiers
 - Under criminal investigations
 - Pending criminal charges
 - Previous criminal convictions

How many per class???

Depends on the seating available and how personal you want your interaction to be.

Sessions Topics

- Uniform Patrol
- Civil & Warrant Duties
- Office Administration
- 911 Telecommunications
- Detention Center
- Criminal Investigations
- Crime Scene
- Court Proceedings
- Internal Affairs
- Marine Patrol
- Air One
- Volunteer Services
- Special Operations
- Narcotics Investigations
- IMPACT Team
- Gang Information
- Firing Range
- SWAT Demonstration
- Firearms w/ Shoot - Don't Shoot Scenarios
- Rapid Deployment
- K-9 demonstration
- Animal Protective Services
- Chaplain Corps.

Session I

- Begins with opening remarks by Sheriff Ingram or appointed staff
- Introductions of Class Coordinators
- Class participant introductions
- Sheriff's Office history
- Issuance of Binders
- Completion of Waivers
- Issuance of class shirt
- Photograph taken for identification cards
- Tour of Office
- Snack sign up sheet

Session II

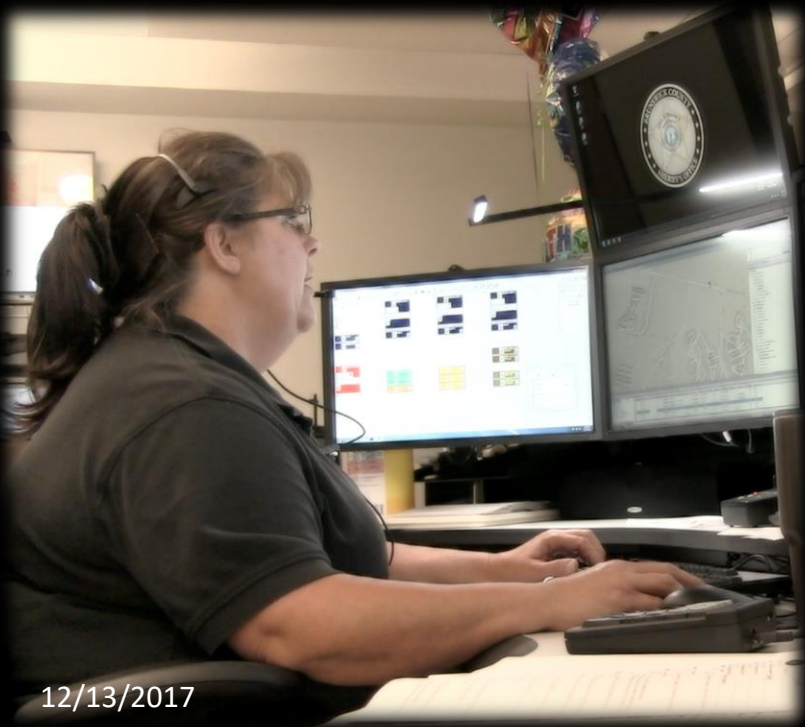
- Uniform Services
 - Patrol command staff
 - Civil
 - Warrants
 - Court
 - SRO



- Office Administration
 - Gun permits
 - Concealed Carry process
 - Reports
 - Sex Offender Registry
 - Finger printing
 - DCI

Session III

- 911 Telecommunications
 - Power point presentation
 - Tour of call center
- Detention Center
 - Display of inmates “dress out”
 - Tour of detention center



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Session IV

- Criminal Investigations & Crime Scene
 - Power point
 - Mock Crime Scene
 - Finger print activity



Session V

- Court Proceedings

- District Court Judge
- Resident Superior Court Judge
- Assistant District Attorney

- Internal Affairs

- Overview of duties
- Visual handouts
- Videos of use of force



Session VI

- Special Operations
 - Power point
 - Controlled field sobriety
 - Display of motor unit
 - GHS vehicles
 - K9 vehicle (no k9 demo)



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Session VII

- Narcotics
 - Power point
 - Mock search warrant
 - Mock vehicle search



Session VIII

- Gang information
 - Power point with visual aids



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- IMPACT Team
 - Power point of programs
 - Project Lifesaver exercise



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Sessions IX

- Use of force continuum
- Taser Demo
- Shoot or don't shoot scenarios



Session X

- Range

- SWAT & IMPACT team assists with safety and observation
- Participants can bring their own weapon but has to be left unloaded in vehicle until told to retrieve.



- Swat Demo

- Describe purpose/duties
- Team participants/job task
- Explain gear
- Demonstrate room/building entry
- Sometimes use flash bang

Session XI

- Animal Services
 - Power point & visual aids



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- Volunteer & Chaplain Corps.
 - Power point to explain various tasks and duties



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Session XII

Marine Patrol

- Meet on ICW
- Students ride on vessel
- Will have Dive team on site this year

Air One

- Demo of chase with K9 deployment
- Static display for Q&A

K9 Team

- Information on canines
- Demonstration of handling
- Demonstration of narcotic detection and suspect apprehension



Graduation

- Held at courthouse
- Students invite guests to attend
- Ceremony includes
 - Guest Speaker
 - Awards presentation
 - Gift of appreciation
 - Informal dinner

Volunteer applications turned in



Annual estimated cost

- Shirts - \$1,000.00
- Book materials - \$300.00
 - 3 ring binders
 - Dividers
 - Business card keeper
 - Graduation Certificates
- Graduation meal - \$600.00
- Class snacks - \$500.00
(avg. \$25.00 each class)
**Cost has decreased with the
incorporation of a sign up sheet**



\$2,400.00

Recruiting volunteers

- Prior to becoming a volunteer for the Sheriff's Office each individual **must** attend the academy as a prerequisite.
- Unless special permission obtained by Sheriff Ingram



Volunteer opportunities

- Administration
- Community Events
- Detention Lobby
- Courthouse Lobby
- Training Support
- Unsolved Case Team
- Involuntary Commitment Transport Support
- Animal Protective Services
- V.O.I.C.E.



V.O.I.C.E

Volunteer Observers Impacting Community Efforts

- Community Patrols
- Community Events
- Traffic Control
- Marine Patrol
- Involuntary Commitment Transports
- Vacation Keep Checks
- Parades



2013 vs 2016 comparison

- 2013

- Serve in 11 areas
- 129 Active + 200 APS
- 4 citizen patrol cars
- Provided 18,465.3 hours of service

- **Saved tax payers**
\$451,127.00

- 2016

- Serve in 13 areas
- 152 Active + APS
- 6 citizen patrol cars
- Provided 34,310.7 hours of service

- **Saved tax payers**
\$829,244.69

How do we get our value?

- We assign a value to each function.
- Administrative Support is at the hourly rate for a beginning admin clerk.
- Chaplains, Detective Support, Unsolved Case Team and all Volunteer Managers are at the hourly rate for a Sgt.
- All other functions are at the hourly rate for a beginning deputy.
- The values change whenever there is a rate change normally each fiscal year.

