



7th ANNUAL Citizen's Police Academy

Here we go again! It is time for the 7th annual **Citizen's Police Academy** to begin on October 5th and run for seven weeks. Each week will be a 2 ½ hour block beginning at 6:00pm until 8:30pm at the New Michigan City Police Community Room. We will have a final graduation dinner on Thursday November 17th.

Ever wonder what it is like to be a Police Officer? This year we are willing to give you a chance!

The Michigan City Police Department are looking for members of the community who would like to experience the inner workings of what it is like to be a police officer. Beginning October 5th we will be sponsoring an opportunity for members of the community to become closely acquainted with the roles and responsibilities of the Police Department. The Michigan City Police Citizen's Police Academy (MCPA) brings the police and the community close together in a setting that offers a sample of police training to each participant.

Participants receive two and a half hours of training one evening each Thursday for seven weeks in many of the varied functions of law enforcement. Our class experiences some of the highlights of police training and are exposed to the daily operations of the police department. Listening to previous classes they all want **MORE** so we decided to add two additional days to the program by adding Tuesday November 7th and Tuesday November 14th where we will be introducing our new **"Virtual Shooting Range" and adding real life vehicle stops!**

One of the favorite sessions of past classes was the Crime Scene Investigation **(YES THAT'S CSI !)**

where they could not get enough time in our regular session. I have included a **BONUS** day of the morning of **Saturday November 4th** to do the "Investigating and Crime Scene"! There will be three separate "Investigative Teams" all in a friendly competition. Each team will be assigned a homicide detective as an advisor and be able to utilize our police equipment along with video, photography, evidence handling and dealing with a real murder victim, suspects and scenes.

Participants are taught the basics of criminal law, search and seizure, patrol tactics, firearm safety, taser, traffic laws, hostage negotiations, and many other subjects. They will learn about the processing of a crime scene, how police canines are used, and are exposed to many of the specialty police units. MCPA participants meet and talk with many of the officers as well as the command staff and training staff that serves them. All this takes place in a safe and entertaining training environment at

THE NEW MICHIGAN CITY POLICE STATION!

Instructors are State Certified law enforcement professionals who teach both veteran and recruit police officers. All our classes leave this training with a greater understanding of the police work and with an increased ability to see how the police serve our community.

What is the difference between our academy and others?

WE HAVE FUN!

Our academy is a **"hands on"** interactive approach in which each student gets to participate in numerous activities that prove to be educational yet fun and exciting!

This program is not an accredited certification course to become a sworn police officer

The first session of the MCPA will begin on Thursday, October 5th, 2017, in the Community Room of the Michigan City Police Department located at 1201 E. Michigan Blvd.

Class size is limited to **36** participants. All interested persons must be at least 21 years old, complete an application, and give permission for the Michigan City Police to conduct a background check to determine if they have a criminal record.

ALL CLASSES ARE "FREE OF CHARGE" INCLUDING ALL CLASS MATERIAL, T-SHIRTS, GIVEAWAYS & REFRESHMENTS

Please return applications by mail or bring directly to the Michigan City Police front desk. All applications must be received by September 26th. The class fills up rather quickly so do not delay!

QUESTIONS ?????? For more information on the Michigan City Police Academy, please contact:

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