

# South Beach Citizens Academy



## Our Goals and Mission Statement

The City of Westport and the Grays Harbor Sheriff's Office are working in partnership to educate and inform the residents of the South Beach Community about the many aspects of the law enforcement and criminal justice system.

The primary objective of the Citizens Academy is to afford an opportunity for the community, business, and religious leaders to become more informed about the many aspects of police work and the criminal justice system. The Academy is designed to give the attendees exposure as to the reasons why police respond to various situations in a particular way and how they ultimately handle these situations.

We will also inform the attendees about the various inner-workings of the

Criminal Justice System, which will include corrections and 911 Dispatch.

Our Academy will give attendees the opportunity to see the benefits of public service and learn about the challenges and demands associated with law enforcement. Attendees will learn about selected police units and will participate in practical application that demonstrates several aspects of the police officer's job. They will also learn about the many facets of the Criminal Justice System and how police interact with the court system. We believe the academy experience will be a pleasant introduction to the role of policing and its role in society. Our attendees will gain a greater understanding of the safety procedures required in policing and will learn some of the techniques used in addressing crime on the South Beach Community.

Our ultimate goal is to foster relationships that will bridge the gaps between law enforcement, communities, and businesses. We hope to create an alliance that leaves us with voices in the community to act as ambassadors to build solid partnerships, thus creating a better quality of life for those we serve.

The Citizens Academy is a 13 class (12 week) program held once a year. Usually

beginning in January and ending in late March or early April.

Classes will be mid-week, usually a Monday night between 6:30-9:30PM. There is a possibility of hands on classes that would require a Saturday venue. The hours for a Saturday will be 9:00AM to 3:00PM.

Examples of the potential topics include:

- ÉPatrol Procedures
- ÉDrug Investigations
- ÉCriminal Defense
- ÉFirearms Training
- ÉFish and Wildlife Enforcement
- ÉDispatch (911)
- ÉCorrections
- ÉDUI enforcement

## To Apply

Applicants must be adult residents of the Westport/Grayland Community or of the Ocosta School District.

Both applications and waivers must be completed. Applicants will also be subject to a background check.

Applications and information can be obtained by contacting:

Westport Police Department at 360-268-9197, email: [records@ci.westport.wa.us](mailto:records@ci.westport.wa.us) or the Grays Harbor Sheriff's office at 360-249-3711, [SOAdmin@Co.Grays-Harbor.WA.US](mailto:SOAdmin@Co.Grays-Harbor.WA.US)