



Federal Way Police CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

April 3, 2019 – May 22, 2019



The Federal Way Police Department's Citizens Police Academy will begin **Wednesday, April 3, 2019**. The goal of the Citizens Police Academy is to create a better understanding and communication between citizens and police through education. The intent is not to produce civilians trained in law enforcement, but to help community members better understand the City's police department. This is an opportunity for the citizens of Federal Way to know more about the men and women who are protecting their community and why they make the decisions they do. As participants go through the academy, they gain a better understanding of the department's decision-making processes, how and why policies are created, as well as what an officer faces everyday. More importantly, citizens can also determine for themselves how effective the department is in serving the community.

Citizens Police Academy is a two-way educational process. While citizens are learning all about what police officers do on a daily basis, officers are also hearing how citizens feel about issues. The department gains an understanding of the concerns of residents and the perceptions they have of the police department.

Academy participants will meet every Wednesday for 8 weeks, beginning April 3rd and ending on May 22nd. Classes run in the evenings from 6-8pm. Classroom sessions cover topics such as Patrol Operations, SWAT, K9 Unit, Criminal Investigations, Crime Prevention and much more!

Anyone who wants to learn more about how the Federal Way Police Department operates is encouraged to apply. Preference is given to those living or working in the Federal Way city limits.

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