



The Sedalia Police Department's Citizen Police Academy

The Sedalia Police Department will be hosting the 2015 Citizen Police Academy beginning September 8, 2015 at 6 p.m. at the Sedalia Police Department.

The Citizen Police Academies have been presented since 1977 and are done world-wide. The Academy allows the community to observe the department, see what they do, and learn the reasoning behind the way they operate. The lesson plans and speakers are from the Sedalia Police Department which makes it easy for the Academy members to ask their officers direct questions. This is an interactive course.

Each session of the academy is 3 hours long, held once a week, for 10 weeks. The topics in the Academy include: Hiring and Training, Use of Force, Handling Disturbances, Criminal Investigation, Building Searches, Patrol Procedures, Drug Investigations, Traffic Stops, and more. Some of the topics include controlled, practical exercises for the Academy members to have a "hands on feel". The Academy members can participate in a Ride-Along as well as an optional range day. Graduation puts the Academy members in the roles of officer, investigator, evidence officer, and supervisor to investigate a staged crime scene (the crime really did occur).

There is no cost for the Citizen Police Academy but it is limited to 30 members. If you would like to participate in the Academy, applications can be found at the Sedalia Police Department. For more information call Sgt. Bradley Beard at 660-826-8100.