

## **CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY**

**\*\*\*ALL CLASS TIMES ARE 6PM – 8:30PM EVERY TUESDAY \*\*\***

**February 10 – March**

### **WEEK 1**

#### **ORIENTATION / CRIMINAL LAW**

Chief Puckett, Deputy Chief Grossman, Captain Killette, Captain Howard.

February 10

The first session of the Citizens Police Academy will provide participants with an overview of the Zebulon Police Department. Policies and procedures will be discussed to gain a better understanding of police operations. This course includes a discussion of Students will also have an opportunity to meet the Police Department management team. This session will focus on the roles played by other criminal justice organizations outside the police department, as well as how those entities work hand in hand with the police department in the pursuit of justice. Citizens will also learn about a variety of services available to them through different criminal justice organizations. Students will hear about the three sources of law, comparing and contrasting reasonable suspicion and probable cause, and comparing and contrasting the terms “voluntary contact”, “investigative detention”, and “arrest.” Students will learn about the types of searches an officer may conduct without a search warrant, the legal concepts of custody, interview and interrogation as they apply to Miranda rights, and the difference between criminal offenses and civil matters. Students will also discuss elements of common crimes.

### **WEEK 2**

#### **INVESTIGATIONS and CRIME SCENE**

Captain Killette, Detective Sergeant Burke, Detective Elliott, Detective Carroll, Tammy Richards.

Feb 17

As with any town or city, Zebulon experiences its share of serious crime. During this block of instruction, students will learn about crime scene processing and how we conduct follow up investigations. The class will discuss some of the strategies and resources officers utilize to suppress and combat this type of criminal activity. You will also be provided with more detailed information about drug-related crime. Since the use and distribution of illegal narcotics is often the root of many other crimes, and because gangs and drugs generally go together, enforcement is a major priority for the Zebulon Police Department. Participants will be provided with information that will allow them to join with police in recognizing and reporting drug

related crimes to the police. Citizens will also be provided with useful information they can share with others seeking to overcome drug addiction.

### **WEEK 3**

#### **Wake County Bureau of Forensic Science**

**No Meal**

Capt. Killette, Sgt. Burke, Tammy Richards

February 24

During this block, students will participate in a tour of City County Bureau of Investigation, an organization critical to police operations in Zebulon. The CCBI provide crime scene processing for all law enforcement agencies in Wake County. They can collect fingerprints and DNA, analyze narcotics, and recreate crime scenes. PLEASE NOTE- this class will meet at the CCBI at 3301 Hammond Rd. Raleigh.

### **WEEK 4**

#### **POLICE USE OF FORCE/ BODY CAMERAS**

Lt. Perry, Lt. Bridges

March 3

A few of the questions answered in this session include: How often must Zebulon police officers' resort to force to affect an arrest? How do we ensure officers use only the amount of force necessary? What weapons are issued to and utilized by Zebulon Police Officers? You will also learn how officers are trained in the use of force and how difficult decisions regarding the use of force are made. Time will be spent learning about body cameras and the implications of their use.

### **WEEK 5**

#### **SIMULATORS/ Drone & SERT Equipment Display**

**No Meal**

Captain Edwin Killette, Sergeant Brandon Lane, Sgt. Burke, Det. Elliott.

March 10

This class will take place at Nash Community College. Instructors will expose students to scenario-based training, including shoot/don't shoot response on the FATS machine. Drone & SERT Q&A session.

### **WEEK 6**

#### **TRAFFIC LAW & TRAFFIC STOP PRACTICALS**

Special Operations Unit- Sgt. Oliver, and ???

March 17

One inherently dangerous task performed by police officers is traffic stops and the subsequent interaction with drivers and passengers. In this block of instruction, class members will be presented with basic information pertaining to the actual stop of the vehicle, the environmental dangers faced by the officer, and some procedures for

conducting records checks associated with the encounter. Participants will also have an opportunity to conduct mock traffic stops during a practical exercise and learn what to do if they are stopped by a law enforcement officer.

## **WEEK 6**

### **POLICE CANINES & GRADUATION**

Ofc. Koh (Vegas), Ofc. Abate (Koda)

Chief Puckett, Deputy Chief Grossman, Capt. Killette, Capt. Howard

March 24

This session will provide students with learning about canine law and training police canine. Furthermore, this session provides class members with a chance to ask questions of K-9 officers who will be on hand to explain police canine operations and conduct demonstrations.

Students who have completed all blocks of instruction will receive certificates and become eligible to volunteer with future police programs.

**\*\*Order in which classes are taught is subject to change\*\***

