

Third Citizens' Academy Class Accepting Applications *2019 Application Process Open Through March 29, 2019*

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-February 6, 2019-The Steamboat Springs Police Department is readying for the third installment of its Citizens' Academy designed to enhance the community's knowledge about local law enforcement, their duties and responsibilities as well as its public safety programs and services.

"A positive partnership between its citizens and local law enforcement builds a stronger community," said Chief Cory Christensen. "In just three years, the academy has evolved into a key community leadership program and a tremendous opportunity to meet the men and women who serve our community."

The 2019 class for approximately a dozen community members will run 6-9pm every Wednesday evening from May 1 through July 3, 2019. All classes are instructed by police personnel and there is no cost to the student.

Internally designed, the academy is set up to allow participation from a wide group of individuals and includes a modest physical element. The 10-week interactive curriculum will cover numerous topics associated with the department and general law enforcement touching upon the following areas:

Decision Making	Domestic Violence	Forensics
Use of Force	Police Ethics	Radar Enforcement
Self Defense Tactics	Firearms	Police Equipment
Drunk Driving Enforcement	MIPs/Juvenile Drinking	Animal & Code Enforcement
Drug Enforcement	Arrest Control	Criminal Justice Records

While the requirements to attend the academy are minimal, applicants must be at least 21 years of age, possess a high school reading and writing level and be able to sit for up to three hours in a classroom environment. Students will have opportunities to participate in more active police-related sessions, but participation in any hands-on training is voluntary. The Citizens' Academy is **NOT** an offer of employment, but a volunteer program to educate members of the community.

Applications and personal history statement may be found at steamboatsprings.net/CitizensAcademy. Applications must be returned by March 29, 2019 and individuals selected for the academy will be notified no later than April 15, 2019. A background check is required for all participants.

For additional information specific to the Citizens' Academy application process, contact Brooke Northrop at 970.879.4344 or [email](mailto:brooke.northrop@steamboatsprings.net).

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