

“A First-Class Experience: The Lilburn Citizens’ Police Academy”

Have you ever wondered what being a police officer is like? What goes into the job? Why police do what we do? Well, you’re in luck! At the Lilburn Police Department, we have got you covered! Starting Feb. 15, the Lilburn Police Department will begin an exciting 13-week Citizens’ Police Academy designed to show you every aspect of the job we love and cherish.

When I was younger, I always wanted to do something special with my life that had meaning and sense of purpose. I knew little about law enforcement, but always felt led in that direction. Most of what I learned about police procedure was either from my favorite TV shows or the news. I would occasionally see a police officer doing his or her job but, quite frankly, was too nervous to speak to them asking questions. I don’t ever recall seeing any opportunities to get to know them in a classroom setting.

Wow. Times changed! Fast forward 26 years later. I, my co-workers, the Gwinnett District Attorney, Chief of Police, Gwinnett Fire personnel and others that are professionals in the field of criminal justice can’t wait to pour our knowledge and expertise out to you.

Academy participants will enjoy two hours of weekly classes covering topics such as criminal procedure, patrol operations, special operations, criminal investigations, defensive tactics, traffic unit, understanding use of force, crime prevention, K-9 procedure and demo and use of force simulator! There is even a night when the class goes to the fire range and put their new skills to the test with the careful oversight of a police firearms instructor.

Participants will also learn a lifesaving skill with a “Stop the Bleed” certified instructor and receive a free tourniquet from the Lilburn Police Department. The class will finish with a graduation and cook out at Lilburn City Park. Participants will also get an opportunity to ride with the officers of the Lilburn Police Department after graduating to see firsthand what the job is like.

The Lilburn Police Department only offers the Citizen’s Police Academy once a year. Slots available are limited so please sign up now. The best part is everything is absolutely free! If interested, you can apply online by visiting cityoflilburn.com under the police community outreach section.

The Lilburn Police Department has hosted the Citizen’s Police Academy for over 12 years. I can guarantee that it has only gotten better each and every year. The classes contain the most up to date information available and cover current trends and solutions. The class will not only answer every question you have and make you more knowledgeable, but ultimately make you safer in your day-to-day activities by applying what you learned, and that’s something we are ALL about!

Hope to see you Feb. 15th!

Stay safe Lilburn!