

Seminole Sheriff's Office accepting applications for community law enforcement academy class - 03/15/2013

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) is now accepting applications for the next class of its Community Law Enforcement Academy. The 14-week educational academy gives residents a firsthand look at the operations of the Sheriff's Office. The class will begin on April 24 and will take place every Wednesday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Sheriff's Office main building located at 100 Bush Blvd., in Sanford. Graduation will be held on July 24. There is no cost to attend.

The class is taught by Sheriff's Office personnel and includes presentations on topics such as: neighborhood policing, investigations, child protective services and forensics. Class participants will see demonstrations from the Special Operations Unit (SWAT, Aviation, Range and Water, K9 and EOD), have the opportunity to fire Sheriff's Office weapons at the gun range, and drive a patrol car in similar conditions that deputies are trained in. Class participants will also tour the John E. Polk Correctional Facility, the Juvenile Enforcement Center and the Criminal Justice Center.

To be eligible, applicants must live or work in Seminole or surrounding counties, be at least 19 years of age, possess a valid driver's license or other form of government-issued photographic identification and must undergo a background check. The academy is offered for educational purposes only and does not provide any type of certification.

To apply, visit www.seminolesheriff.org . Applications should be submitted by April 3 to ensure a seat in the class.