



GUILFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHERIFF'S CITIZEN ACADEMY PACKET

Dear Interested Citizen:

The Guilford County Sheriff's Office is offering a Sheriff's Citizen Academy to Guilford County residents who are interested in learning more about law enforcement operations and the Guilford County Sheriff's Office internal processes. **The classes will start on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 6:30p.m.** The basic goal of the Sheriff's Citizen Academy is to improve law enforcement/community relations through a formalized educational process.

The Sheriff's Citizen Academy will present a wide range of topical training subjects condensed from the standard training curriculum of sheriff's deputies. By presenting this program, we hope to provide a broad educational experience which will acquaint attending citizens with the mission of sheriff's personnel and the requirements of law to which officers must conform while carrying out their prescribed duties.

Through attendance and participation in the Sheriff's Citizen Academy:

- Citizens will be able to make more informed judgments about the Sheriff's Office and law enforcement activities.
- The Sheriff's Office will become more aware of the feelings and concerns of the community, as expressed by attending citizens.
- Citizens and Sheriff's representatives will have an opportunity to explore together, some of the traditional suspicions and misconceptions generally harbored by both citizens and sheriff's deputies. Through open discussion of such suspicions and misconceptions, a more harmonious climate for relationships may be established.

The Academy will consist of 2 months of sessions that meet once a week, on Thursday evenings, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. and four (4) Saturday labs. A variety of different classes will be provided. The classes will be held at the Guilford County Sheriff's Office, located at 400 W. Washington St. Greensboro, NC 27401, in the Training Classroom. Labs will be held at various locations.

The participants will represent a cross-section of the Guilford County community. The long range benefit of the interaction that will take place during the academy is a better Guilford County for all citizens.

Attached to this letter is: an application, schedule, and listing of the topics that will be covered in the Academy. If you are interested in participating in the Academy, please fill out the proper paperwork and return it to the Sheriff's Office. I do hope you will find the Academy an opportunity to better know your Sheriff's Office and learn how other citizen's feel. You can contribute to the betterment of the Sheriff's Office and the Guilford County Community by taking part in the Academy. I hope you will consider it.

ELIGIBILITY

Membership in the Guilford County Sheriff's Citizen Academy is open to all interested persons of the age of eighteen (18) or older who meet the following requirements:

1. Must not be convicted of a felony or serious misdemeanor or have received a prayer for judgment for those two types of crimes.
2. Must not have pending charges for a felony or serious misdemeanor.
3. Must not currently be a defendant in an active civil action.
4. Must not be a current or former member of any criminal gang or organization that advocates the overthrow of any local, state or federal government.
5. Must pass a background investigation.
6. Must sign a Waiver and Release
7. ***Any omissions or misrepresentation on this application will result in your application NOT being approved.***
8. ***Participants MUST meet the attendance requirements.***

Deadline: Return applications no later than **Monday, January 23, 2017** to:

Guilford County Sheriff's Office
400 West Washington St. Greensboro, NC 27401
Attention: MCpl. D. Jackson/336-641-5313 or Officer JA Page/336-641-3378

Sincerely,

BJ Barnes
Sheriff

Attachments

WAIVER AND RELEASE

**GUILFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
CITIZEN'S ACADEMY**

I _____, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, hereby covenant and agree as follows:

- 1. I hereby waive for all parties noted above all claims, demands, actions, or causes of action, against the Guilford County Sheriff's Office ("GCSO"), and each of their officers, agents, employees and representatives (all of the foregoing collectively referred to as "Releasees"), of whatever kind or nature, including but not limited to those arising out of personal injury, death, and property damage, which may arise from or relate in any way, directly or indirectly, to any of the following: (a) my participation in the Sheriff's Citizen Academy; (b) my participation in any activities related to or the GCSO take place; (c) my presence at any location where activities related to the Sheriff's Citizen Academy or the GCSO take place; (d) my presence at any location occupied or controlled by the GCSO; (e) travel to or from activities related to Sheriff's Citizen Academy or the GCSO; and/or (f) any act or omission by any Releasee of Sheriff's Citizen Academy with respect to the control or supervision of, its participants, or its supervisors. I further agree to never instigate any suit or action against any Releasee on any claim waived herein and to hold harmless Releasees from all such claims, including the costs of defense.
- 2. I acknowledge that photographs, films and recordings are sometimes made of the participants of Sheriff's Citizen Academy for pictures, news releases, and other documentary purposes. I hereby authorize the use of my image and voice to be used in any non-commercial manner by Releasees and by any radio, television, newspaper, or other media.
- 3. If this Waiver and Release were to be deemed unenforceable in any way, I acknowledge that it is the intent of the parties that it be enforced to the fullest extent legally permissible and that any provisions deemed unenforceable shall be severed and all remaining provisions enforced.

I have read the foregoing waiver and covenant and understand that it constitutes a formal legal document. By my signature I agree to abide by the conditions above.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____

State of North Carolina,

County of _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Notary Public

Commission Expires: _____

**WARNING, LIABILITY RELEASE & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
and ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

Ti USE OF FORCE SIMULATOR

I, _____, understand that participation in the *Ti Use of Force Simulator* training opportunity involves risks of injury and/or death. These risks include, but are not limited to: loss of eyesight, loss of hearing, cuts, bruises, and other injurious contact with weapons, tripping, falling, increases in heart rate and other unintentional or accidental occurrences.

By signing this form I acknowledge all risks of injury or death and affirm that I am willing to assume responsibility should injury or death result. I also agree to follow any and all safety instructions/recommendations, if applicable, during this training opportunity. Furthermore, in return for the opportunity to participate, I agree for myself and for my heirs, assigns, executors and administrators, to waive any legal rights to seek compensation from Guilford County Sheriff's Office, their employees, agents or guest instructors for bodily injury or death that may result, and to release those parties from any liability for damages resulting from the injuries or death. I understand that no insurance coverage is provided by Guilford County Sheriff's Office, its employees, agents or its guest instructors.

I also understand and acknowledge that nothing learned or acquired in this class can guarantee my personal safety.

Signature of Participant:

(Signature)

Date: _____

Witness:

(Signature)

Date: _____

11. Previous Mailing Address: _____

How Long? _____ Years _____ Months _____

12. Citizenship: U.S. Citizen _____ U.S. Naturalized _____ Other _____

13. Law Enforcement Experience? Yes ___ No ___

If the following questions are answered yes, attach a sheet explaining the circumstances.

List the year and state in which they occurred, and the disposition of the case.

Put as much information as you can remember.

14. **Have you ever (as an adult or a juvenile) been arrested, detained, or questioned by law enforcement concerning a crime?** Yes ___ No ___

15. **Have your driving privileges ever been suspended, revoked or cancelled?**
Yes ___ No ___

16. **Have you ever received (a) traffic citation(s)?** Yes ___ No ___

17. **Have you ever been a defendant or plaintiff in a civil action?** Yes ___ No ___

18. **Are you now using any illegal drugs?** Yes ___ No ___

If yes, what drugs and how often? _____

19. **Have you ever possessed, used or sold any amount of illegal drugs?** Yes ___ No ___

If yes, what drugs and when? _____

20. **Do you drink alcohol (including beer and wine)?** Yes ___ No ___

If yes, how much and how often? _____

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Date Received: _____

NCIC / DCI / Spillman / P2P / CJ Leads Check:

ACCEPTED / DENIED

DATE: _____