

## Class Selection; Rules

Class size will be limited to 25 people. Students must attend 80% of classes to graduate. Participants must either live or work in Brunswick.

A background check will be conducted on all applicants and those with felony convictions or an extensive criminal history will not be accepted.

The class coordinators desire to have a diverse class with members from many occupations/backgrounds and applicants will be selected on this basis

The purpose of the class is not to be an open forum to discuss previous law enforcement contacts or grievances, but an opportunity for applicants to learn about the police department and the police department to learn about the concerns of the applicants.

For everyone's safety, class members will be expected to strictly follow all instructions for practical exercises (simulations firearms training, crime scene processing, etc.).

The coordinators reserve the right to deny admission/remove from the class anyone that they in their sole discretion believe is not abiding by the above terms or contributing to the positive learning environment of the class.

## Application

(Please return completed application to Brunswick Police Department)

**Legal Name:**

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**Address:**

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**Date of Birth:**

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**Home Phone:**

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**Place of Employment:**

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**Work Phone:**

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**Background Check:**

I hereby authorize the Brunswick Police Department to conduct a background check on me for the purposes of this class only.

**Signature:**

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## **CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY**

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## WHAT IS A CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY?

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The public has many misconceptions about police work – that police issue tickets to make quotas or raise revenue that officers should shoot to wound, that officers do little more than drive around and eat coffee and donuts. These misconceptions can make it difficult for a police department to work with citizens and other public service agencies to effectively protect the community.

The citizen police academy is a series of classes (three hours per week for ten weeks) which allow the participants to obtain a greater understanding of the police department through an in depth view of the many facets of police work. In addition, the members of the department will have an opportunity to better understand the needs and concerns of the community it serves. Finally, by inviting class members from other public service agencies, it is hoped that the class will aid in developing mutually beneficial working relationships with the agencies with whom the department partners to serve the community. It is not an attempt to train Guardian Angels or impart any particular skill and is not intended as a pre-service academy.

The classes are exciting and intellectually stimulating. Guest speakers for the past class included a crime lab specialist, district and superior court judges and an assistant district attorney.

## CLASS TOPICS

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The exact syllabus is still being developed. However, it will be similar to the spring 2007 syllabus outlined below.

**Class 1:** Ethics; Hiring Process; Internal Affairs

**Class 2:** Communications; Community Policing

**Class 3:** Patrol Procedures; Drug Surveillance

**Class 4:** Defensive Tactics; Use of Force

**Class 5:** Simunitions (shoot/don't shoot scenarios w/ training ammunition)

**Class 6:** Special Response Team; K-9 Patrol; Marine Resources

**Class 7:** Operating Under the Influence; Drug Recognition Experts; Accident Reconstruction

**Class 8:** Computer Crimes; Sex Offenses; Crime Analysis; Child Abuse; School Resource Officer/D.A.R.E.

**Class 9:** Crime Scene Processing; First Aid

**Class 10:** Constitutional Protections; Prosecution

Most of the instructors are Maine Criminal Justice Academy ("MCJA") certified and, many teach the same subject at the MCJA

that they will be teaching at the Citizen Police Academy.

Participants will also be encouraged to participate in a four hour ride-a-long with one of the Brunswick Police Department's patrol officers.

## WHERE AND WHEN WILL THE CLASS BE HELD?

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Class will primarily be held at the multi-purpose room in the Brunswick High School. However, part or all of a particular class may be held at an alternate location (department tour, simunitions training, for instance).

Class will be from 6-9 pm for ten weeks commencing Thursday, April 2nd. Due to scheduling Simunitions may be held on a night other than a regular class night.

## HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

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For more information, contact: Communications Supervisor Sonia Moeller (Ext. 152), CPO Terry Goan (Ext. 117) or Lt. Mark Waltz (Ext. 161)

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