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Third Glades Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy to be Held in June

Members of the public are invited to attend the third annual Glades Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy. Sessions will be held on five consecutive Mondays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on June 4, June 11, June 18, June 25, and July 2, 2018 at the Belle Glade Library/Civic Center located at 725 N.W. 4th St. Belle Glade, 33430. The classes are free, and dinner will be served. Anyone over the age of 14 is welcome, and up to 15 hours of community service credit can be earned.

The purpose of the Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy is to provide fundamental information to citizens of Palm Beach County regarding the criminal justice system and how decisions are made. Participants will see demonstrations, meet with decision makers, and tour the jail. It is a valuable opportunity to learn about procedures, meet experts, ask questions and see facilities in person. The Palm Beach County's Criminal Justice Commission, Sheriff's Office, and Office of Community Revitalization sponsor the academy.

The first two years of the academy have been overwhelmingly successful with more than 40 participants graduating. Applications are required. For more information and to apply, visit the Criminal Justice Commission website (under Programs), www.pbcgov.org/criminajustice, call 561-355-4943, fax at 561-355-4941 or email at RMurray@pbcgov.org.

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35th Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy



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Every Monday, June 4, 2018 through July 2, 2018

***Class meets Mondays from 5:30 pm–8:30 pm at the
Palm Beach County Library–Belle Glade Branch.***

Email is the preferred method of communication.

• REGISTRATION FORM •

(Registration form can be faxed, mailed or E-mailed)

Name: *First:* _____ *Middle:* _____ *Last:* _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ *State:* _____ *Zip:* _____ *County:* _____

Phone Number: *Home:* _____ *Work:* _____

Cell: _____ *Fax:* _____

E-mail: _____

Preferred Method of Contact: Phone Fax Email

Occupation: _____

Disabled Status: *Please indicate whether you have any special requirements*

How did you hear about the academy?



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Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

Academy Course Outline

- Introduction to Criminal Justice System
- Local & State Law Enforcement
- Federal Law Enforcement Agencies
- Criminal Court Case Process
- State & Federal Defense & Prosecution
- Juvenile Justice
- State & Local Corrections
- Special Service Programs
- Graduation

The Criminal Justice Commission sponsors academies several times per year. Each class size is limited to 50 per session. A class has been added for the western communities.

The Academy is free and registration must be made in advance by calling the Criminal Justice Commission at (561) 355-4943.

An informational packet will be mailed that includes a course description and a registration form.

Applications are also available on the CJC website:

www.pbcgov.com/criminaljustice

Click on the "Programs" link

Speakers Include Representatives From:

- Judiciary
- State Attorney
- Public Defender
- Private Defense Counsel
- Local and State Corrections
- Palm Beach County's Sheriff's Office
- Florida Department of Law Enforcement
- Department of Juvenile Justice
- United States Attorney's Office
- FBI
- Drug Enforcement Administration
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Explosives & Firearms

The speakers discuss the role their agencies play in the criminal justice system and the size and mission of their agencies.

Important Information:

- No fee involved
- Twelve evenings
- 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location of the Academy

Four Academy nights are held mainly at the West Palm Beach Police Department.

The remaining classes are held at the Main County Courthouse and the West Palm Beach Sheriff's Office. The sessions also involve tours to:

- Sheriff's Office 9-1-1 Communications Center
- Sheriff's Office Main Detention Center
- Medical Examiner's Office

The last night features graduation with a keynote speaker, followed by individual and class photographs.

All participants receive a Certificate of Recognition.

What is the Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy?



The Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy was created in 1998 by the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission to provide an opportunity for citizens to learn more about how the criminal justice system functions in Palm Beach County.

The course outline was developed jointly by the Criminal Justice Commission and the Palm Beach State College.

The Citizen's Academy features speakers from the local, state and federal criminal justice system and provides a unique insight into how the system functions and how the different court, corrections and law enforcement agencies interact.



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