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# News Release

## **Enlist in the Citizen Police Academy**

Sheriff I.F. “Jiff” Hingle is offering a “Citizen Police Academy” for those interested in gaining a better understanding of the workings of the Sheriff’s Office and the Criminal Justice System. This academy is designed to give citizens knowledge about how their sheriff’s office operates its policies, procedures, programs and challenges. In addition participants will be introduced to the deputies and learn their responsibilities and enforcement efforts.

This is a 24-hour block of instruction, which is broken into ten (10) 2 hour classes held weekly and taught by certified law enforcement officers, the District Attorney and a District Judge. There is no charge for attending the academy, however, each participant must attend 9 of 10 classes and participate in a 4-hour ride along in order to receive a “Certificate of Graduation”.

Citizens, who are at least 21 years of age, have no criminal history, and who live or work in Plaquemines Parish are encouraged to attend. We believe an informed citizenry will enhance public safety, make better decisions about how to protect themselves and their business, understand law enforcement strategies and take their knowledge out into the community.

For information about our next academy contact: Sgt. Allen Sanchez  
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