

CITIZENS ACADEMY



The Citizen Academy is a dynamic and highly acclaimed program offered to residents by the Thousand Oaks Police Department; where they can learn about law enforcement and the criminal justice system. The 12-week Academy program familiarizes people with the law enforcement role in society. Participants learn how officers are trained, visit the Sheriff's Detention facilities, talk to Investigators, and see specialized teams such as SWAT, Hostage Negotiators, Bomb Technicians and K-9 handlers in action.

The primary goal of the Citizen Academy is not to make police officers out of the participants, but to present law enforcement in a manner that will dispel public misunderstandings and promote valuable and lasting relationships. The main "message" for participants is that police officers and deputy sheriffs are dedicated and professional public servants whose concern for the people they serve is at the heart of everything they do.

Click here to learn more about this dynamic group
<http://www.toaks.org/government/depts/police/citizens.asp>