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Orland Park Police to Host Adult Citizens' Police Academy



The Orland Park Police Department will again host its Citizens' Police Academy, offering an inside perspective into law enforcement in the Village of Orland Park.

"This is a great way to learn about all that the Orland Park Police Department does within the community," said Mayor Dan McLaughlin. "Adults who have an interest in law enforcement or those who simply want to know more about the department are invited to register."

The academy will be held on two Saturdays, October 1 and October 8 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The class is limited in size and is open to adults age 18 and older. A criminal history review will be conducted on registrants prior to acceptance into the academy.

"Most people don't realize how many programs the Orland Park Police Department offers and all that's involved with keeping our community safe," said Trustee Dan Calandriello, chair of the village's Public Safety Committee. "The academy is a great way to learn more about one of the village's most visible departments."

Among the topics in the 2016 curriculum are a station tour, the department's authority and scope, patrol operations, dispatch, general investigations, recruiting and training, the K9 unit, traffic enforcement, community relations, mock scenarios, SWAT and internet investigations.

"We always have a great time with our academies," said Chief Tim McCarthy. "People are very interested in all that we do and this is a great opportunity to see firsthand the many facets of the department."

There is no charge to participate and completed registration forms must be submitted to the department. Registration forms may be downloaded from the village's website via the link below. Forms are also available at the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue.

For more information, contact Officer Chuck Barth at 708/364-4736.