



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Citizen's Academy Students Graduate**

Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron congratulates the graduates of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Fall 2012 Citizens Academy Class who completed their eight-week course on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Sheriff's Office Citizen Academy is designed to give citizens an inside look into the Sheriff's Office day-to-day operation. Academy students learn exciting facts about the Sheriff's Office. The classes are broken down weekly by Sheriff's Office Divisions and include:

#### **First Class**

Meet the top administrators of the Sheriff's Office and learn the goals and objectives of the Citizens Academy Program. The Special Operations Division will showcase all of their specialty vehicles such as our Mobile Command Center and brief you on the many aspects of the division. Receive an overview of the law enforcement accreditation process followed by the Office of Professional Responsibilities and conclude with a tour of our Headquarters facility.

#### **Second Class**

Activities include a simulated DUI course followed by Alcohol Enforcement, Traffic Safety, and Accident Reconstruction presentations.

#### **Third Class**

Begins with a K-9 demonstration followed by Patrol Deputies and a tour of the Emergency Communications Center where you will listen to actual 911 calls.

#### **Fourth Class**

Take a field trip to the Southern Maryland Criminal Justice Academy and receive a tour of the facility. While gaining insight on recruit training, you will have an opportunity to participate in several simulated training exercises.

#### **Fifth Class**

Meet Narcotics Officers and learn about the types of drugs and current trends. Emergency Services Team (SWAT) members will make their entrance during the second hour bringing all the latest tactical gear and Hostage Negotiators will conclude with an overview of the team and discuss scenarios such as barricades.

#### **Sixth Class**

Presentations include Domestic Violence, Victim Services, and Sex Offender Registry. The evening will conclude with a tour of St. Mary's County Circuit Court.

### **Seventh Class**

The class will be spending an evening in Jail! Corrections will highlight their operations and Community Supervision Programs. Staff will end with a tour of the facility and a demonstration by their Emergency Response Team.

### **Eighth Class**

Meet Detectives from our Bureau of Criminal Investigations Division and learn how crimes are solved. Forensics will provide a "hands on" presentation, showing off several "tricks of the trade." The Citizen's Advisory Board will discuss the importance of strengthening police and community relationships and we conclude the program with a "graduation ceremony".

Anyone over the age of 18 interested in attending the Sheriff's Office Citizen Academy is welcome to apply. For further information visit the Sheriff's Office website at [www.firstsheriff.com](http://www.firstsheriff.com) or contact Executive Coordinator Kelly Castle at (301) 475-4200 ext. 1910 or [kelly.castle@stmarysmd.com](mailto:kelly.castle@stmarysmd.com).

