

St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy

2025 Schedule

Session One	★	14-Aug-25 Headquarters	Guest Instructors
6:00 PM		Introduction / Overview	Command Staff
6:15 PM		Tour of Headquarters	Commander / Staff
6:30 PM		Office of Professional Responsibilities	Office of Professional Responsibilities
7:45 PM		Special Operations Division	Commander / Staff
Session Two	★	21-Aug-25 District 4 Station	Guest Instructors
6:00 PM		Patrol	Commander / Staff
7:00 PM		CISM / Mental Health / Chaplains	Team Members
8:00 PM		Crisis Intervention Team	Team Members
Session Three	🍽️	28-Aug-25	Guest Instructors
5 PM – 9 PM		Southern Maryland Criminal Justice Academy	Academy Staff
Session Four	★	4-Sep-25 Headquarters	Guest Instructors
6:00 PM		Traffic Safety	Traffic Safety Officer
7:00 PM		Collision Reconstruction	Team Members
8:00 PM		Tour of Circuit Court	Court Security Officer
Session Five	🍽️	11-Sep-25	Guest Instructors
6:00 PM		St. Mary's County Detention & Rehabilitation Center	Corrections Staff
Session Six	★	18-Sep-25 District 3 Station	Guest Instructors
6:00 PM		Criminal Investigations Division Overview	Commander / Staff
7:00 PM		Domestic Violence	Detective
7:30 PM		Sex Offender Registry	Sex Offender Registry Coordinator
8:00 PM		Crime Lab	Crime Lab Supervisor
Session Seven	★	25-Sep-25 Headquarters	Guest Instructors
6:00 PM		Emergency Services Team	Team Members
6:45 PM		Hostage Negotiations Team	Team Members
7:45 PM		Tour of Emergency Communications Center	ECC Staff
Session Eight	★	2-Oct-25 Headquarters	Guest Instructors
6:00 PM		K-9	K-9 Handler
6:45 PM		Vice/Narcotics / DEA Task Force	Detective and Task Force Member
8:15 PM		Social Media	Public Information Officer
8:45 PM		Graduation	Command Staff

When and Where? Classes are held at the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Headquarters and District Stations, as well as the St. Mary's County Detention & Rehabilitation Center and the Southern Maryland Criminal Justice Academy. Visits will also be made to the St. Mary's County Emergency Communications Center and Circuit Courthouse – locations are listed on the outline below. The 8-week course will be held on Thursdays, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm, from August 14 through October 2, 2025.

COURSE OUTLINE

FIRST CLASS – SHERIFF'S OFFICE HEADQUARTERS, 23150 LEONARD HALL DRIVE, LEONARDTOWN

In the first class you will learn the goals and objectives of the Citizens Academy Program. You'll take a brief tour of the Headquarters building, then have a briefing on the Office of Professional Responsibilities, where procedures for citizen complaints and employee discipline are reviewed. Newly-enacted laws that affect our policies and procedures will be discussed. Lastly, an overview of our Special Operations Division will go over the many aspects of the division to include School Resource Officers, DARE, Child Support Enforcement, etc.

SECOND CLASS – DISTRICT 4 STATION, 21633 GREAT MILLS ROAD, LEXINGTON PARK, MD

Patrol Division supervisors will discuss our recent steps to move toward community-oriented policing, the types of situations encountered on routine patrol and the types of training all of our deputies must complete. Members of our Crisis Intervention Team will give an overview of the team and their roles during a crisis situation. You'll also hear about efforts to help our personnel deal with the stressful situations they encounter.

THIRD CLASS –SOUTHERN MARYLAND CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY, WELCOME, MD

The class will take a field trip! We'll travel to the Southern Maryland Criminal Justice Academy, where you'll gain insight on recruit training, meet instructors, and take a tour of the facility. ****A van will depart from headquarters at 5:00 pm, or you can opt to drive yourself.****

FOURTH CLASS – SHERIFF'S OFFICE HEADQUARTERS, 23150 LEONARD HALL DRIVE, LEONARDTOWN, MD

An officer from the Traffic Safety Unit will share information on the agency's efforts to keep our roads safe. A member of our Collision Reconstruction Team will give a presentation on how we reconstruct serious and fatal accidents to determine the factors involved. The evening will end with a presentation on Judicial Services, featuring a tour of the St. Mary's County Circuit Courthouse.

FIFTH CLASS – ST. MARY'S COUNTY DETENTION & REHABILITATION CENTER, LEONARDTOWN, MD

The class will be spending an evening in jail! Corrections staff will highlight their Facility Operations and Community Corrections Programs to include Pre-Trial Supervision, Day Reporting, and Offender Re-Entry Programs. Staff will round out the evening with a tour of the facility.

SIXTH CLASS - DISTRICT 3 STATION, 23125 CAMDEN WAY, CALIFORNIA, MD

We will spend the evening with detectives from our Criminal Investigations Division, who will elaborate on assignments and how crimes are solved. Next, hear from our Domestic Violence Coordinator, followed by our Sex Offender Registry Coordinator to discuss the Sex Offender Registry with its different levels of crimes and reporting requirements. We will end the evening with a presentation from our Crime Lab Supervisor, who will show off several "tricks of the trade" and show you some of the equipment our Crime Lab technicians use to process a crime scene.

SEVENTH CLASS – SHERIFF'S OFFICE HEADQUARTERS, 23150 LEONARD HALL DRIVE, LEONARDTOWN, MD

This session will feature members of the Emergency Services Team and the Hostage Negotiations Team, who will discuss scenarios such as barricades, and showcase some of the equipment the teams use. The last part of the night will be spent taking a tour of the St. Mary's County Emergency Communications Center, where you will learn how County agencies and departments work together during a County emergency or large event, and watch 911 dispatchers handle calls.

EIGHTH CLASS – SHERIFF'S OFFICE HEADQUARTERS, 23150 LEONARD HALL DRIVE, LEONARDTOWN, MD

We'll start off our last session with a demonstration and presentation by K-9 officers and their partners. Vice/Narcotics Officers will join us with an overview on the various types of drugs and current drug trends affecting our county. A detective from the DEA Task Force will review the partnership between local, State, and Federal agencies. Our Public Information Officer will talk about social media and communications, and we will conclude the Citizens Academy with a "graduation ceremony."