

The Citizen's Academy

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Citizens Police Academy is a thirteen week course designed to help the citizens of the community better understand what Police Officers and Corrections Officers encounter while on duty. Participating in the Academy requires a commitment of one night per week for the thirteen-week period. The duration of each class is approximately 3½ hours.

The Academy is designed to increase understanding between JSO and the citizens of Duval County and to foster a partnership within the neighborhoods of Jacksonville. The goal of the Citizen's Academy is to create and develop a growing nucleus of responsible, well-informed, citizens who have the potential to influence public awareness about law enforcement policies and practices. By providing relevant information to others in the community, graduates

assist JSO in increasing citizen involvement on issues of mutual concern. This active participation will improve the quality of the life and build lasting and productive communication channels.

Each week JSO representatives speak candidly about various functions of the department. Subjects include: patrol, traffic enforcement, crime prevention, organized crime, community affairs and communications. Tours of the Prison Farm, Pre-Trial Detention Facility, Police Memorial Building and Police Academy are given. Demonstrations are made by the Bomb Squad, K-9 Unit, SWAT Team, Mounted (Horse) Unit, Aviation Unit and Bicycle Unit. During the Academy, citizens are able to participate in live firing of weapons, defensive driving tactics, DUI field sobriety tests, and a firearm simulator.

Sheriff Glover credits the



involvement of citizens, neighborhood associations, and crime prevention programs for the considerable reduction of crime in Jacksonville. To date JSO has conducted 8 Citizen Academy classes with 238 citizens having graduated. It is the intention of JSO to continue to provide this invaluable experience to our citizenry.

For those interested in participating in the Citizen's Academy or to learn more about this program, contact:

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office
Human Resources
(Recruiting)
501 E. Bay Street., Suite 303
Jacksonville, FL 32202
(904) 630-2134 Or FAX
Sandy Smith (904) 630-4741

WHERE YOU CAN FIND THE



- City Hall
- City Hall Annex
- Duval County Courthouse
- Jacksonville Public Libraries
- Police Memorial Building
- Sonny's Real Pit Bar-B-Q
- Office Depot
- The Jacksonville Landing
- Most Major Downtown Buildings
- And Jacksonville Area:**
- Burger King Restaurants
- Larry's Giant Subs
- Gate Food Posts (select locations)
- Famous Amos Restaurants



Good Works!

In December 2001, we partnered with Channel 4 and started airing "Good Works." This is one of several nominations that have been received.

Gary Silcox (above) is in the lawn maintenance business. Lawn maintenance is his profession, but people are his passion. Gary says he has a simple philosophy when it comes to living his life: SERVICE to others. Gary says, "I am a servant for God. That's how I try to serve other people and let them know what God has done for me in my life and pass it on."

As Gary travels across our city, he comes in contact with people in need. As any businessman knows, time is money, but in Gary's case, he disregards making money to be a good neighbor. Many times as he travels our streets, he will see vehicles broken down or out of gas, flat tires and numerous other problems, but because Gary truly cares, he stops and offers a helping hand.

For Gary, helping is more than just a word, it's a way of life. Helping strangers, friends, and family makes Gary truly a cut above. Thank you Gary; for the good deeds you provide our community.

If there is someone you would like to nominate for Good Works, please complete the nomination form and send it to:

FAX: 393-9822

E-MAIL: news@wjxt.com

Community Posse

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Community Posse is the volunteer arm of the Crime Prevention Unit. The posse shoulders the responsibility of organizing Neighborhood Watch programs throughout the City of Jacksonville. They are trained in crime prevention techniques designed to promote awareness of criminal activity, and to encourage citizen involvement in making their homes, families and property more secure.



When asked to present a Community Posse success story, immediately the mind starts to search situations where the Community Posse, dressed in the red suit and cape, saves the day. Though true in fictional stories, the real success of the Community Posse is in the people that comprise the unit. Take Tammy Yeaman (right), for example. Tammy though challenged with Multiple Sclerosis has not allowed it to stop her service to the community. She joined the Community Posse in 1996 and continues to move forward, attending Neighborhood watch programs, staffing Sheriff's office displays and attending events to educate communities on crime prevention techniques and strategies.

If you would like to become a member of the Community Posse call 630-2160.

THE SECRET WORD

G A M E

Hidden in the text of the Victims' Advocate this issue is the **SECRET WORD** for the month of March. The rules are simple:

1. Find the word.
2. Telephone the Justice Coalition Daily Radio Show on 1320 AM-WJGR, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
3. The first person who telephones the correct Secret Word wins a \$10.00 Gift Certificate to Sonny's Real Pit Barbeque Restaurant.
4. You can only win once in a twelve month period.

SO START SEARCHING!

Exclusions: no persons employed by the Justice Coalition, Sonny's, nor their families are eligible.

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