

Douglas County Sheriff's Office Citizen's Law Enforcement Academy

In August 1999, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office implemented an exciting and different Law Enforcement Academy; the Citizens Law Enforcement Academy (CLEA).

The CLEA training academy is located in the Sheriff's Office Training Facility where citizens are invited to attend a two hour session per week for twelve weeks.

The curriculum and training are not what you would expect. The students are a culturally diverse group of people including bankers, businessmen and women, judges, housewives, school teachers, media representatives, retirees and citizens from all walks of life.

CLEA was adopted from a similar program in England and is coordinated by the Outreach Division of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office. CLEA is designed to increase understanding between Citizens and the Sheriff's Office through training and education.

Participants meet one evening a week for 12 weeks. This course covers virtually every aspect of law enforcement work --- administration, recruiting, patrol operations, communications, investigations, vice and narcotics, youth and safety programs, traffic and criminal laws, jail operations and more. In addition to classroom training, CLEA students are given the opportunity to participate in a series of practical exercises.

Our goal is not to teach the student how to become a law enforcement officer; but rather give the student an insight into the duties and responsibilities of enforcing the law. Although graduates of the Citizens Law Enforcement Academy are not prepared for daily street duty, they acquire a better understanding of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office operations.

CLEA graduates gain greater awareness and appreciation of the challenges and decisions deputies confront every day. Our hope is that the student leaves with a basic understanding of the complex nature of our work enforcing the law.

Community involvement is the most powerful force any law enforcement agency has in the fight against crime. Through CLEA, citizens are becoming more involved in making Douglas County a better place to live. Best of all, CLEA graduates become "goodwill ambassadors" for the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

Classes will be held one night a week for 12 weeks, from 6:30pm until 8:30pm. All applicants need to be able to commit to attend the twelve sessions of this academy.

Applicants must be a resident or business owner in Douglas County, you must be at 21 years of age or older and give consent for a background check as part of the application process.

There is no fee for this class.

Submit your application today!
Application follows:

Citizen's Law Enforcement Academy Application

(The following MUST be completed by applicant.)
(Please Print)

Date: _____

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address: _____
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____ Race: _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Driver's License Number: _____ State: _____

Home Telephone No.: () _____ - _____

Work Telephone No.: () _____ - _____

Place of Employment: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

High School Graduate: Yes No GED: Yes No

Name of High School: _____

College Attended: _____

Type of Degree: _____

Additional Education: _____

Military: _____ Branch: _____

Dates of Enlistment: _____ to _____
Month Year Month Year

Type of Discharge: _____

Please Circle T-Shirt/Golf Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL Other _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, explain :

State briefly why you would like to attend the "Citizens Law Enforcement Academy."

References: (List two references not related to you.)

1. Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____ Years Known: _____

2. Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____ Years Known: _____

I attest and affirm that I have reviewed this application and that the information supplied is true to the best of my knowledge.

(Signature)

(Date)

I, (Full Name of Applicant) _____,
upon approval for the "Citizens Law Enforcement Academy," agree to
obey all rules and regulations, and understand that I am subject to
dismissal from the Training Academy for any infractions. I further
certify that I am in good health, physically fit, and of good moral
character, and release the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and the State
of Georgia, and any other official associated or connected with the
Training Academy for liability in case of illness or accident.

Applicant Signature

Witness (anyone can witness, notary not required)

Date

**Please attach
photo or copy of
driver's license
here.**

*ALL INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED IN
ORDER TO PROCESS YOUR APPLICATION.*

*IF ANY INFORMATION IS OMITTED YOUR
APPLICATION WILL BE RETURNED.*

PERSONAL HISTORY RELEASE

I, (Full Name of Applicant) _____,
do hereby authorize the review of and full disclosure of all records concerning
myself to the duly authorized agent of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

The intent of this authorization is to give my consent for full and complete
disclosure of the records of educational institutions; financial statements and
records wherever filed; medical and psychiatric treatment and/or consultation
including hospitals, clinics, private practitioners, and the U.S. Veterans'
Administration; employment and pre-employment records, including background
reports, polygraph examinations or reports, efficiency ratings, complaints or
grievances filed by or against me or another person in any case, either criminal or
civil, in which I presently have or have had interest in.

I understand that any information obtained by a personal history background
investigation, which is developed directly or indirectly, in whole or part, upon this
release authorization will be considered in compiling any report for the Douglas
County Sheriff's Office "Citizens Law Enforcement Academy." I certify that any
person(s) who may furnish such information concerning me shall not be held
accountable for giving this information; and I do hereby release said person(s) from
any and all liability, which may be incurred as a result of furnishing such
information.

Applicant Signature

Witness (anyone can witness, notary not required)

Date: _____

Signature must be witnessed in order for us to process your application.

**NOTICE: The Douglas County Sheriff's Office reserves the right to refuse
any applicant for the safety of the Training Staff and the public.**