

Citizens Academy

- ▶ AS SHERIFF, YOU WILL WEAR MANY HATS
- ▶ ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT HATS YOU WILL WEAR IS PUBLIC RELATIONS
- ▶ WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT, YOU ARE (I KNOW IT'S A DIRTY WORD) POLITICIAN
- ▶ YOU STILL MUST BE ELECTED EVERY FOUR YEARS
- ▶ YOUR CITIZENS DON'T EVER SEE THE ASSESSOR, SURVEYOR OR COLLECTOR, BUT THEY ALWAYS WANT TO SEE THE SHERIFF

Citizens Academy

- Your average Citizen absolutely has no idea what the Sheriffs Office does
- Most do not know the difference between a Police Chief or Sheriff
- ▶ Most citizens do not know what the Court or jail does in the judicial process
- ▶ Most Citizens do not know about your jail.

Citizens Academy

- ▶ When you start planning your Academy, start a list of people that you want to be in it.
- ▶ Your 1st academy you want to hand pick people that will help spread the word. Pick some of your supporters, connected people in the County. Start small with 15-20 people
- ▶ Find restaurants to provide a meal. We feed them every night.
- ▶ This will turn into a BIG public relations opportunities for the SO.
- ▶ We learn as much from the Citizens as they learn from us.

Stone County Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy 1 & 2



Stone County Sheriff's Office Citizen's academy



- The Citizen's Academy was designed to increase understanding between citizens and the Sheriff's Office through education.
- Our intent is to acquaint citizens with law enforcement's role in the criminal justice system, and provide an increased understanding of the tasks Law Enforcement officers face in their daily work. With better understanding it becomes easier for police and citizens to find realistic solutions to neighborhood problems.

Agenda/Topics To Be Covered



- Department Vision
- Size of County
- Who's who
- Organizational Structure
- Calls for service
- Local Police Departments
- History of Sheriffs
- Criminal Investigations
- Patrol
- Stress in Law Enforcement
- Drug Court and Prosecutor's Office
- Active Shooter
- Narcotics

Local Police Departments

- ▶ List your local Police Departments
- ▶ If you have great relationships with your Chiefs, bring them in the first night and introduce them.

History of Sheriffs

- ▶ This is your chance to educate them on Sheriffs
- ▶ What they are responsible for
- ▶ How many in the State
- ▶ Famous Sheriffs

Sheriff

- 114 County Sheriffs in Missouri
- City of St. Louis (St. Louis County) has a Chief and St. Charles County went to St. Charles County Police Jan. 1, 2015
- All Sheriffs are elected to a four year term
- Section 57.100 of the Missouri Revised Statutes states that "Every sheriff shall quell and suppress assaults and batteries, riots, routs, affrays and insurrections; shall apprehend and commit to jail all felons and traitors, and execute all process directed to him by legal authority, including writs of replevin, attachments and final process issued by circuit and associate circuit judges."

Sheriff

Do you know who this is? Sheriff Bufford Pusser



Sheriff

- ▶ The Sheriff is responsible for patrol of all unincorporated areas of the County, but retains full jurisdiction within the entire county.
- ▶ Responsible for Courthouse security, court security, serving court documents, operating the jail, executing warrants, register all sex offenders and issue concealed weapon carry permits.
- ▶ Oversee the Dare program and liaison with the school resource officers that are sworn Deputies
- ▶ Oversee the Special Response Team (SRT)

Stone County Sheriff's Office

- Sheriff Rader is the 29th Sheriff in Stone County since 1851.
- The Office of Sheriff was the first County Office established in the United States.
- The elected sheriff is part of America's democratic fabric. In 1776 Pennsylvania and New Jersey adopted the Office of Sheriff in their Constitution. The Ohio Constitution called for the election of the county sheriff in 1802, and then state-by-state, the democratic election of sheriff became not only a tradition, but in most states a constitutional requirement. In the United States today, of the 3083 sheriffs, approximately 98 percent are elected by the citizens of their counties or parishes.

Sheriff

- ▶ In reviewing those who have served in the Office of Sheriff, there are many interesting individuals, such as, Augustin Washington, George Washington's father was Sheriff of Westmoreland County, Virginia in 1727, Wild Bill Hickock, Pat Garrett, Bat Masterson, Bill Tilghman, and many more.
- ▶ What sets the sheriff's office apart from other law enforcement agencies? It is direct accountability to citizens through the election of the Sheriff.
- ▶ The Office of Sheriff is not a department of county government, it is the independent office through which the Sheriff exercises the powers of the public trust.
- ▶ No individual or small group hires or fires the Sheriff, or has the authority to interfere with the operations of the office. Elected sheriffs are accountable directly to the constitution of their state, the United States Constitution, statutes, and the citizens of their county.

Sheriff

- ▶ The sheriff should naturally do his best to work with all entities because it is important in a democratic society. The sheriff must work with all segments of government to serve and protect the citizens of the county.
- ▶ The Sheriff and all those in law enforcement should never forget that he or she has a calling to be "a minister of God for good." Rom 13:4 For those who have the privilege of serving as a County Sheriff, it is truly a privilege and Honor to Serve.

Sheriff

County Sheriffs Can Stop Gun Control
 Did you know that no matter what gun control laws are passed by the federal government, they can only be enforced in your area if your county sheriff allows them to? The ultimate legal authority is the local or the county sheriff. This was established from the time of the Founding Fathers and upheld by the US Supreme Court in the 1857 case of *Prigg v. United States*. Initially, the case was *Mack v. United States*, but by the time it reached the Supreme Court it was renamed.



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- ▶ One night is set aside for Criminal investigations
- ▶ Detective talks about what they do
- ▶ Our Prosecutor comes in and give a case study on a homicide case

Citizens academy

- ▶ Patrol
- ▶ Pick a patrol deputy or command staff that is really good a tpublic speaking
- ▶ Call for service
- ▶ Different calls
- ▶ When to call 911
- ▶ Narcotics- Have someone that is up to date on what is going on

Citizens academy

- ▶ Stress in Law Enforcement
- ▶ We share with them about all the stress in Law Enforcement
- ▶ This is also an opportunity to talk about low pay and shortage of law enforcement officers. I have had all 3 of our commissioners come through our academy. You can talk about pay, just don't point them out!

Citizens academy

- ▶ We have MO Highway Patrol come in and talk for an hour about what Troopers do. Our first year we used the POI with troop. We learned it is best to use a local trooper that people know.
- ▶ Our Judge comes in and talks about Drug Court.
- ▶ As I mentioned earlier, our Prosecutor speaks on a homicide case
- ▶ We have had 911 come in and speak also.
- ▶ We run on Monday nights for 7 weeks 6-9 or 6-10
- ▶ Put lots of pics in your presentation

Citizens academy

- ▶ Active shooter
- ▶ Our Citizens favorite night- Force on Force
- ▶ We set up scenarios with simmunition guns. Our citizens get loaded 9mm simmunition.
- ▶ My role players (Deputies I trust) get plastic knives and unloaded guns.
- ▶ We put them in real life scenarios, domestics, burglary, ect.
- ▶ NEVER put your citizens in danger. They can always opt out and watch.

Citizens Academy

- ▶ The key is build long lasting relationships with citizens from all over your County.
- ▶ There support will be huge if they understand everything you do
- ▶ From the Citizens academy- our Alumni formed a 501.3c called Stone County Citizens in Action (CIA). They are a citizens support group to the Sheriffs Office. They host a large Christmas party with lots of prizes and food, for the Sheriffs Office every year.
- ▶ They have brought food and water out to major crime scenes.
- ▶ They set up a benevolent fund to help Deputies in need. I request it and they cut a check. They are absolutely amazing!

▶ Any questions?
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