



## Eastpointe Police Department Citizen Police Academy



### Overview

#### **WHAT IS IT?**

The Eastpointe Police Department's Citizen's Academy is a 27-hour block of instruction designed to give the public a working knowledge of the police department's personnel and policies. It consists of a series of classes, held once each week for 3 hours. The instruction is comprehensive, covering a different area of the police department each week. Officers, supervisors, and personnel assigned to that particular division conduct each instructional block.

#### **WHO MAY ATTEND?**

The class is open to any member of our community. Any person who has an interest is encouraged to apply for admission. The First ever Eastpointe Police Citizen's Police Academy will be held in the fall of 2007. Subsequent Academy classes will be held if there is a demand for it. The minimum age for enrollment is 18 and priority is given to applicants who live or work in the City of Eastpointe. Class size is limited. If interested, fill out an application and turn it into the police department with a notation "Attention Chief Lauretti". Applications can also be emailed to [mlauretti@eastpointecity.org](mailto:mlauretti@eastpointecity.org).

#### **THE PURPOSE**

The Eastpointe Police Department's Citizen's Academy was created in order to provide enough information to the citizens that attend so that they may better understand the operations of the police department and police activity. It is further hoped that the instruction will increase police awareness while dispelling suspicions and misconceptions, and to increase police/community rapport through the education process. The department, in turn, becomes more aware of the feelings and concerns of the community from the students' interaction and input. It is, indeed, a two-way learning experience.

#### **TOPICS**

The Eastpointe Police Department's Citizen's Academy covers such topics as communications, patrol operations, criminal law, criminal investigations, role of the prosecutor's office and court, and crime scene investigations, etc. Emphasis is placed on the patrol division, as that is the segment of the police department that the public most often comes in contact with. Instruction in these and other topics will consist of lectures, demonstrations, tours and hands-on experiences.