



What is the Citizen's Police & Court Academy?

Citizens often wish that they had a better way to voice their concerns and questions regarding the criminal justice system. In turn, Officers (Police & Court) wish that the public had a better understanding of what their job really entails and what it is really like to be a Police Officer, A prosecuting Attorney, a Defense Attorney or a Judge. Today, these wishes can become a reality by creating academies to teach citizens about the Criminal Justice System.

The Ann Arbor Citizens' Police & Court Academy, (the first in the state) provides a mechanism for educating the public about the criminal justice system and the ways to resist crime. It also provides a two-way communication between the citizens and their Police Department and Court, in that the citizens will have the opportunity to become better acquainted with their Police Officers, Attorneys and Judges. This program is also beneficial to the Police Department and the Courts because the participants of the Academy will educate other citizens in the community with the knowledge they have gained.

What will I learn?

Participants in the program will become familiar with the basic operations of the Police Department and the Working Operations and special programs of the District Court.

Course Contents include:

- ◆ Organizational Structure
- ◆ K-9 Unit
- ◆ Special Tactics Unit
- ◆ Crime Scene Investigations
- ◆ LАWNET
- ◆ Communications Unit (911)
- ◆ Firearms (F.A.T.S.)
- ◆ Special Investigations Unit
- ◆ Traffic Stop Scenarios
- ◆ Emergency Management
- ◆ Polygraph
- ◆ The Criminal Justice System
- ◆ Court Processes
- ◆ Court Programs

