Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office
Citizens Police Academy
Fall 2026
Thursday Class

Note: This agenda is subject to change and venue

Week 1 – Sheriff	**August 27 (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)**

Sheriff Eric Fagan

Welcome and overview of the upcoming course. Sheriff Fagan will explain the organizational structure of the Sheriff's Office. Participants will also learn about safety programs available to residents of Fort Bend County.

Week 2 – Detention	**September 3 (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)**

Major Angel Rader and Captain Tim Chesser

Members of the Detention Bureau will discuss the responsibilities of the Sheriff to receive and house prisoners. Students will take a tour of the jail facilities.

Week 3 – Patrol / SWAT	**September 10 (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)**

Major Rodolfo Castaneda and Captain Michael Fisher

An overview of the Patrol Division will be presented. Allocation and distribution of personnel will be explained. SWAT will also present their weapons and specialty vehicles.

Week 4 – Criminal Investigations Division	**September 17 (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)**

Major Rodolfo Castaneda and Captain Scott Heinemeyer

An overview of the Division will be presented. An Investigator will explain his role in the investigation process, and you will learn how cases are investigated from beginning to end.

Week 5 – Identification Division	**September 24 (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)**

Lt. Matthew Carl and Sergeant Ayoub Rizkallah

The Crime Scene Unit will explain their evidence collection and preservation techniques along with a discussion on the forensic and technical capabilities of the agency.

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Week 6 – Emergency Operations and Communications	October 1 (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)

Captain Tiffaney Budnik, Captain Samuel Hayes, and Captain Dalia Simons

You will learn how calls are received and processed at the Sheriff's Office as well as how to properly report an incident. An overview of Emergency Management will be introduced along with a tour of their vehicles. The agency's Crisis Intervention Team concept will be explained.

Week 7 – FBC Homeland Security and Emergency Management	October 8 (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)

Greg Babst and Designated Presenter TBD

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks (10 mins) – Introduction of attendees – Meeting objectives – Quick overview of agenda
2. Emergency Management Overview (15 mins) – Roles of Volunteer Corps during emergencies – Current local/regional emergency protocols – Q&A
3. CERT Program Briefing (20 mins) – What is CERT and why it matters – Training opportunities and expectations – Past successes and lessons learned
4. Community Support Team Focus (15 mins) – Key functions during non-emergency times – Initiatives to strengthen community resilience – Volunteer opportunities and engagement
5. Group Activity or Scenario Discussion (15 mins) – Emergency response role-play or case study – Discussion on coordination and communication
6. Volunteer Opportunities & Sign-ups (10 mins) – Upcoming events – Training sessions and roles available
7. Open Forum / Q&A (10 mins) – Feedback – Suggestions for future training

Week 8 – FBC Justice Center (Court House Security & Judge TBD)	October 15 (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)

Captain Kevin Hunt, Lieutenant Yolanda Elliott, and Judge TBD

An overview of the Fort Bend County Justice Center's Court House Security including but not limited to the history of the first "bailiff" of Fort Bend County; a practical exercise on the security screening process upon entry of the building; a demonstration and discussion of the role of each participant in the courtroom during the trial process; and a guided tour regarding the background operation of the court security staff beyond the court room.

Week 9- Law Enforcement Academy & Firearm Training Simulator	October 22 (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)

Captain Gregory Johnson and Lieutenant David Bentley

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The minimum requirements to be a Texas Peace Officer will be discussed. Learn what a police academy cadet goes through to become an officer and what they must learn before graduating. You will be introduced to a state-of-the-art training simulator which depicts actual "shoot – don't shoot" scenarios. You will decide how to react in a variety of situations similar to what police officers exposed with every day. This is the most popular session and an evening you would not want to miss.

Week 10 – Narcotics Taskforce	**October 29 (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)**

Captain Wayne Hastedt

The agency operates a multi-agency Narcotics Task Force which investigates those involved in narcotics trafficking. This presentation will include a display of various illegal drugs being sold on the streets today as well as investigative techniques employed. Our narcotics task force members will also be present.

Week 11– Closing Ceremony	**November 5 (6:30 pm – 8:00 pm)**

Sheriff Eric Fagan will be presenting certificates of completion to all graduating participants of this program.

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