Ripon Police Department

Community Police Academy
Class #1

September 18, 2019 – November 13, 2019
Instructors/RPD Staff

Chief Ed Ormonde
Lieutenant Danny Sauer
Sergeant Stephen Meece
Sergeant Alex Burgos
Sergeant Paul Staley
Field Training Officer Paul Rourick
Field Training Officer Leroy Sanchez
Field Training Officer Carlos Gutierrez
Detective Richard Francis
Detective Jared Heuvel
Officer Gordon West
Officer Mike Perry
Officer Trevor McGinnis
Community Services Officer Liz Forks
Dispatch Supervisor Celeste Wilson
Dispatcher Gail Fry
IT Administrator Dan Brannon
IT Assistant Rob Rankin
Introduction:

The Ripon Police Department Community Police Academy is an nine-week program designed to educate members of our community about law enforcement in our community through various methods of instruction including lectures, activities, discussions and scenario training. In addition to learning about law enforcement and community service, students will have the opportunity to explore new career opportunities and develop relationships that will last well beyond the course.

Objectives:

- To promote the Ripon Police Department as an agency that is dedicated to the members of our community.
- To educate the public about the necessity of a positive community/police relationship.
- To provide members of the public the opportunity to learn from officers who have knowledge in a variety of areas of law enforcement.
- To provide transparency and build trusting relationships with the members of our community.
- To have fun and enjoy comradeship with people who live and work in our community.

Participation Requirements:

1. Applicants must live or work within our community or sphere of influence to participate.
2. Be at least 18 years of age.
3. Participants shall have no felony convictions, outstanding warrants, or pending criminal cases and will be subject to a cursory criminal records check.
4. Participants are allowed two absences.
5. Although students will not be forced to participate in anything they feel uncomfortable with, students will be required to participate in discussions and most activities.
6. Participants must adhere to department rules while in attendance.
7. Each student will have the OPTION to complete one ride-along with a Ripon Police Officer or Community Service Officer. A ride-along will be arranged through the Citizen Police Academy Coordinator. Each participant must complete a waiver prior to participating in a ride-along.

Dress Code:

- Comfortable and casual attire is encouraged; however, cutoffs, tank tops, or similar attire is not permitted. T-shirts with objectionable slogans or graphics are prohibited.
- Closed toe shoes are required, preferably tennis-type shoe is preferred.
SCHEDULE

Week 1: September 18, 2019  6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Ripon Police Department – Community Training Room

- **Introduction to the Ripon Police**: Participants will become familiar with the Ripon Police Department, including authority and jurisdiction, POST training requirements, patrol areas, and receive a tour of the facility and equipment employed by its staff.  
  (Instructor: Lieutenant Danny Sauer)
- **Introduction to Dispatch**: Participants will learn about 911 call taking and how officers are dispatched in the field.  
  (Instructor: Dispatch Supervisor Celeste Wilson and Dispatcher Gail Fry)

Week 2: September 25, 2019  6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Ripon Police Department – Community Training Room

- **Basic Law Enforcement Principals**: Participants will receive an overview of the criminal justice system, and learn how it is applied on a day to day basis by officers.  
  (Instructor: Chief Ed Ormonde)
- **Introduction to Taser and Less Lethal Devices**: Participants will receive an overview on the operation of the Taser (electronic control device) and other less lethal devices, and their proper use and deployment.  
  (Instructor: Sgt. Alex Burgos and Detective Richard Francis)

Week 3: October 2, 2019  6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Ripon Police Department – Community Training Room

- **Traffic Enforcement**: Students will learn about traffic stops and some of the considerations and dangers associated with them. This section will also include probable cause and radar operation. Students will participate in mock traffic stops to experience traffic enforcement from an officer’s perspective.  
  (Instructor: Sergeant Stephen Meece and Field Training Officer Leroy Sanchez)

Week 4: October 9, 2019  6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Ripon Police Department – Community Training Room

- **Traffic Collision Investigation**: Students will learn the basic investigative principles into traffic investigation and reconstruction, along with what effects the ability to arrest and issue citations for violations that cause collisions.  
  (Instructor: Sergeant Paul Staley and Sgt. Stephen Meece)
• **DUI Investigation**: Students will learn about the effects of driving while under the influence of alcohol and drugs. Students will learn about preliminary alcohol screening (PAS) devices, and participate in mock standardized field sobriety tests (SFST). *(Instructor: Sergeant Stephen Meece and Sgt. Paul Staley)*

**Week 5:**   **October 16, 2019**   **6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**
Ripon Police Department – Community Training Room

• **Active Shooter**: Students will receive an overview of active shooter incidents to better understand what motivates individual shooters, and how they can maximize their safety during an active shooter event. Participants will also learn what to expect from law enforcement responding to an active shooter incident. *(Instructor: Sergeant Alex Burgos and School Resource Officer Trevor McGinnis)*

• **K-9 Program**: Students will receive an overview of the department's K-9 program and how our K-9 Officer operates with continually changing laws. A narcotic detection demonstration will follow the presentation. *(Instructor: Officer Mike Perry and Officer Gordon West)*

**Week 6:**   **October 23, 2019**   **6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**
Ripon Police Department – Community Training Room

• **Use of Force**: Students will learn about the Department's policy on use of force, and some associated legal considerations. Participants will participate in reviews of current use of force issues that have received national media coverage. *(Instructor: Sergeant Alex Burgos)*

• **Use of Force Simulator**: Students will participate in interactive scenarios using the Department's use of force simulator. *(Instructor: Sergeant Alex Burgos and Detective Richard Francis)*

**Week 7:**   **November 2, 2019**   **10:00 AM – 1:00 PM (Saturday)**
Ripon Police Department – Firearms Range

• **Special Weapons and Tactics**: Students will receive a presentation by Ripon SWAT operators that includes equipment, considerations for deployment, and legal and operational discussions. *(Instructor: Sergeant Alex Burgos, FTO Paul Rourick, and FTO Carlos Gutierrez)*

• **Firearms Familiarization**: Students will be presented with basic firearms safety, including laws pertaining to safe storage, and be introduced into operations of department firearms. At the conclusion of this training block students will have an
opportunity to fire simunitions in a replicated qualifications course. (Instructor: Sergeant Alex Burgos, Detective Francis, and FTO Paul Rourick)

**Week 8:** November 6, 2019  6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
Ripon Police Department – Community Training Room

- **High Tech Capabilities:** Students will learn the various technology tools and systems available to officers and detectives as they address, investigate and solve crimes. Participants will have opportunities to use many of these systems first-hand in simulated scenarios. (Instructor: Information and Technology Administrator Dan Brannon, and IT Assistant Rob Rankin)

- **Evidence Collection:** Students will learn various considerations for field collection of evidence. Participants will engage in hands-on collection and packaging of different types of evidence. (Instructor: Community Service Officer Liz Forks and Detective Jared Heuvel)

**Week 9:** November 13, 2019  6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
Ripon Police Department – Community Training Room

- **Academy Graduation!** An evening to bring family and friends to share in your experiences and for students to receive completion certificates.