

**ESSEX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
CITIZENS ACADEMY**

Have you ever wanted to know what *really* happens to someone when they are incarcerated? Have you ever wanted to experience what it is like to ride in the back of a sheriff's department transportation van as you are brought to court, shackled in leg irons, sitting next to seven or eight other people who are in the same predicament as yourself? Have you ever wondered what kind of training it takes to become a *correctional officer*? That's right, a *correctional officer*, and not a jail guard?

If you have ever pondered the business and history of criminal corrections, or wondered what it is like to work in this multi-dimensional field, the employees of the Essex County Sheriff's Department are going to give you a chance to find out.

Starting Wednesday, September 28, and running every Wednesday night through November 16th, the Essex County Sheriff's Department is going to host its first "Citizens Academy" from 6 to 8 p.m. in the large downstairs training room in the administration building at the Middleton House of Correction, which is located at 20 Manning Avenue, off of Route 62, directly adjacent to Essex Agricultural and Technical High School in Middleton.

This free academy is open to anyone who has an interest in corrections, and has ever wanted to learn what life is *truly* like for the men and women who work in corrections. At the same time, you will also get a first-hand view of what it takes to provide the care, custody and rehabilitation programming to those who have broken the law and are paying for their misdeeds.

Who is eligible to participate? Anyone who has the intellectual curiosity to come and find out what it is that we as a department do on a daily basis for the public we serve, which are those of you who are taking the time to read this message.

The academy is open to the first 25 individuals who successfully pass a background check that will be conducted by the members of our Security and Investigations Unit. All you have to do to become eligible is download a copy of the form attached to the end of this message, fill it out, and mail it to: **Paul Fleming, Essex County Sheriff's Department, P.O. Box 807, 20 Manning Avenue, Middleton, MA. 01949.**

Please know that no information contained in the application will ever be made available to the public. We are obligated to conduct criminal background checks on anyone who wishes to participate in the academy because all students will have complete access to the Middleton House of Correction once they are enrolled.

The last day for applications is Friday, September 16. If you are selected for the academy, you will be called by an academy instructor the week of September 19 through September 23.

For further questions, please call Paul Fleming at 978-750-1900, ext. 3353.

[Essex County Sheriff's Department Citizen Academy Application](#)