

# Potter County Sheriff's Office

## 2015 CITIZENS ACADEMY



**BRIAN THOMAS**  
SHERIFF

Citizens and the Potter County Sheriff's Office joining together to provide for a safer community.



*Dear Citizen,*

*This brochure provides information on the next Potter County Sheriff's Citizen Academy. It is a 12 week course that provides an opportunity for citizens of the county to learn about the role of the Sheriff's Office and law enforcement in making our community a better place to live.*

*Any law enforcement agency is only as good as the support it receives from the community it serves and only as effective as the community's confidence in its operation and activities.*

*Any Potter County citizen, 18 years of age or older, who has no criminal record, may apply for the program using the application on this brochure. Simply complete the application and return it to the Sheriff's Office. You will be notified if you're are selected to participate in the Potter County Sheriff's Citizens' Academy. There is no charge.*

*Thank you,  
Sheriff Brian Thomas*



**What is the Potter County Sheriff's Citizens Academy?**

The Academy will be a twelve week program designed to familiarize citizens of Potter County with goals, objectives, organizational structure and general operating procedures of the Potter County Sheriff's Office.

**What is the purpose of the Potter County Sheriff's Citizen's Academy?**

The Academy objective is to build a better understanding between citizens and the Sheriff's Office through education and communication and to promote good will and community support.

**Who instructs Academy sessions?**

The instructors are supervisors, deputies and personnel from the Sheriff's Office who teach in their own areas of expertise. Each instructor has years of training and experience in the subject area they will instruct. All personnel bring street experience and expertise into the classroom.

For twelve weeks, each class will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:00pm until 9:00pm. There are some extracurricular activities that may involve weekends; example - firearms training and patrol ride along.

The following topics will be covered and are not limited to:

- Sheriff's Patrol Procedures
- Detention Center Procedures and Tour
- Criminal Investigations "CID"
- Special Operations Division "S.O.D."
- Medical Procedures
- Sheriff's Dispatch/Communications/911
- Firearms/Simulations Training - Safety
- Overview of Judicial System
- Overview of the Potter County Sheriff's Office

- Applicants must be 18 years of age
- Applicants that reside in Potter County, Texas will be given priority
- Applicant must agree to a background check
- Applicant must have NO criminal record
- Academy classes will be limited
- There is no fee for the Academy
- Sheriff Brian Thomas will make the final selection of Academy participants.

*Complete the application on this brochure and mail or bring it to:*

**Potter County Sheriff's Office  
Attn: Crime Prevention Unit  
608 S. Pierce  
Amarillo, TX 79101**

WEB: [www.pottercountysheriff.org](http://www.pottercountysheriff.org)

Please direct any questions to:

**Sgt. Mickey Blackmon  
806-379-2964**

[michaelblackmon@co.potter.tx.us](mailto:michaelblackmon@co.potter.tx.us)

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

(City, State & Zip Code)

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License # \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Other Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been arrested or questioned by any law enforcement agency (other than traffic)?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Did anyone recommend/sponsor your application?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, list their name(s):

Applicant Signature:

Date \_\_\_\_\_

POLO SHIRT SIZE: \_\_\_\_\_