



myBlue

BUILDING THE BOND -- ONE STREET AT A TIME



ABOUT THE ACADEMY

The Bayside Citizens Police Academy is a community relations-based program designed for the citizens of Bayside. The program aims to provide an inside look at law enforcement operations and foster a better understanding of police work.

The Citizens Police Academy is designed to give an inside look at the values, philosophies, and operations of the Department, while at the same time serving as an open forum for questions, discussion, and exchange of ideas. Our hope is that participants will learn more about our department, but that we will also learn about them and how we can work together to better serve all residents of Bayside.

A maximum of 10 participants will navigate the program as a cohort, learning alongside fellow community members.

Sessions will be held on specified Wednesday evenings from 6-8pm. The Village will hold a graduation reception at 5:45pm on Thursday, December 19 and a graduation ceremony at 6pm at that evening's Board of Trustees meeting.

The [application](#) for the Bayside Citizens Police Academy is now open and will close on Friday, September 20. More information regarding specific dates, content, and applying can be found within.



APPLYING FOR BCA

To participate in the Bayside Citizens Police Academy, you must:

- Be a Village of Bayside resident.
- Be at least 18 years of age as of **October 2, 2024**.
- Complete a background check.

Persons interested in this program will need to apply online. The application deadline is **Friday, September 20, 2024**.

The fall 2024 semester consists of six sessions between October 2 and December 11.

Sessions will be held on specified Wednesdays from 6-8pm.

Graduation is Thursday, December 19 at 6pm at the beginning of the Board of Trustees meeting.

Questions? Contact Tom Liebenthal at tliebenthal@baysidewi.gov or 414-206-3917.



2024 SCHEDULE



Introduction



Vehicle Contacts



Evidence Collection/Packaging



Firearms & Taser



Professional Communication



Defense & Arrest Tactics



Graduation

Board of Trustees Meeting - 5:45pm @ Bayside Village Hall

A CLOSER LOOK



Introduction

Officers will provide an overview of the Department and cover topics such as staffing, recruitment, training, trends in law enforcement, myBlue Program, vehicles and equipment, mutual aid, task forces, traffic enforcement, specialized programs, Prescription Drug Drop Off, and more. There will be an opportunity for questions throughout the session.



Vehicle Contacts

Officers will teach participants about vehicle contacts, or interactions between law enforcement officers and individuals while inside or around a vehicle. These contacts can occur during routine traffic stops, checkpoints, or other situations where officers engage with motorists. There will be an opportunity for questions throughout the session.



A CLOSER LOOK



Evidence Collection/Packaging

Officers will cover the process of evidence collection and packaging which is a crucial aspect of criminal investigations, ensuring the preservation and integrity of potential proof in legal proceedings. There will be an opportunity for questions throughout the session.



Firearms & Taser

Officers will discuss the essential tools for law enforcement officers, each serving distinct purposes in ensuring public safety and enforcing the law. There will be an opportunity for questions throughout the session.



A CLOSER LOOK



Professional Communication

The Bayside Communications Center will provide a presentation to participants on their operations. Officers will then teach participants about the critical components of law enforcement training that are professional communication and de-escalation. These practices are aimed at fostering positive interactions with the community and diffusing potentially volatile situations. There will be an opportunity for questions throughout the session.



Defense & Arrest Tactics

Officers will cover the techniques and strategies that law enforcement officers use to protect themselves and others while making arrests. These tactics are designed to minimize the risk of injury to all parties involved and ensure the lawful and safe apprehension of individuals suspected of committing crimes. There will be an opportunity for questions throughout the session.



FAQS

What is the Bayside Citizens Police Academy?

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What will the sessions be like?

This program is meant to be engaging, enjoyable, and meaningful. Each session's host will provide an overview of a specified topic and then engage the participants with tours and more.

How many sessions are there?

There will be six sessions and a graduation.

What are some benefits of the Bayside Citizens Police Academy?

- **Knowledge:** Participants will gain knowledge of the Police Department and become better informed.
- **Involvement:** Participants will learn how to get involved (or more involved) in their local government.
- **Relationships:** Participants will develop relationships and lines of communication with Village of Bayside Police Department.





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How often will the Bayside Citizens Police Academy be offered?

The program will be offered once a year in the fall.

Who is eligible to sign up for the Bayside Citizens Police Academy?

This program is open to Village of Bayside residents.

Is there a minimum age for participants?

Participants must be at least 18 years of age as of the date of the first scheduled session.

Do I need to complete a background check to participate?

Yes, all participants will be required to complete a background check.

What is the cost to participate?

There is no cost to participate; however, we do ask that attendees make every effort to attend all six scheduled sessions and the graduation.

How do I sign up?

Persons interested in this program will need to apply online. The application deadline is Friday, September 20, 2024.

What if more than 10 residents sign up?

A lottery system will be utilized if more than 10 residents sign up.

Who can I call if I have more questions?

Contact Chief Tom Liebenthal at tliebenthal@baysidewi.gov or 414-206-3917.