

# Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy

## What is the Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy?



The Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy was created in 1998 by the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission to provide an opportunity for citizens to learn more about how the criminal justice system functions in Palm Beach County.

The course outline was developed jointly by the Criminal Justice Commission and the Palm Beach State College.

The Citizen's Academy features speakers from the local, state and federal criminal justice system and provides a unique insight into how the system functions and how the different court, corrections and law enforcement agencies interact.



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# Academy Course Outline

- Introduction to Criminal Justice System
- Local & State Law Enforcement
- Federal Law Enforcement Agencies
- Criminal Court Case Process
- State & Federal Defense & Prosecution
- Juvenile Justice
- State & Local Corrections
- Special Service Programs
- Graduation

The Criminal Justice Commission sponsors academies several times per year. Each class size is limited to 50 per session. A class has been added for the western communities.

The Academy is free and registration must be made in advance by calling the Criminal Justice Commission at (561) 355-4943.

An informational packet will be mailed that includes a course description and a registration form.

*Applications are also available on the CJC website:*

**[www.pbcgov.com/criminaljustice](http://www.pbcgov.com/criminaljustice)**

*Click on the "Programs" link.*

## Speakers Include Representatives From:

- Judiciary
- State Attorney
- Public Defender
- Private Defense Counsel
- Local and State Corrections
- Palm Beach County's Sheriff's Office
- Florida Department of Law Enforcement
- Florida Department of Juvenile Justice
- United States Attorney's Office
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Drug Enforcement Administration
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Explosives & Firearms

The speakers discuss the role their agencies play in the criminal justice system and the size and mission of their agencies.

## Important Information:

- No fee involved
- Twelve evenings
- 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### Location of the Academy

Four Academy nights are held mainly at the West Palm Beach Police Department.

The remaining classes are held at the Main County Courthouse and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Main headquarters in West Palm Beach. The sessions also involve tours to:

- Sheriff's Office 9-1-1 Communications Center
- Sheriff's Office Main Detention Center
- Medical Examiner's Office

The last night features graduation with a keynote speaker, followed by individual and class photographs.

All participants receive a Certificate of Recognition.