



## Peoria Police Department 2012 Citizens Police Academy

The goal of the Citizens Police Academy is to educate and inform the citizens of Peoria, to provide a forum for police-community interaction, and to foster a partnership through greater understanding of the department's policies and procedures.

**Sessions are from 6:00 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

### **May 2, 2012 - Introduction/Rules & Regulations/Department Tour**

**May 9, 2012 - Uniformed Patrol** - The Patrol Division is responsible for the uniformed patrol functions of the department including 24-hour response and the continuous delivery of police services to our community. The Patrol Division provides: proactive patrol, maintenance of public order, discovery of hazards, response to citizen needs for services, safe arrest of offenders, emergency services, information to appropriate organizational components, community policing programs, and crime prevention.

**May 16, 2012 - Special Investigations/Street Crimes Unit** – The Vice & Narcotics Unit falls under the heading of Special Investigations and is supported by the Street Crimes Unit. The Special Investigations Division is responsible for investigating prostitution related offenses, the sales and use of illegal drugs, adult use permits, liquor establishment violations, asset forfeiture, and works with other area divisions such as DEA and the Multi-County Enforcement Group (MEG).

The Street Crimes Unit is a function of the Special Investigations Unit and works in conjunction with both SID and patrol to investigate gang related crimes, aggressively enforce criminal, traffic and city ordinance violations, and disrupt local street level drug trafficking operations. This unit is a proactive team which primarily focuses on high crime areas using specialized equipment, resources, and tactics to combat quality of life issues affecting the image and atmosphere in which our citizens live.

**May 23, 2012 - Traffic** - The Traffic Unit is a function of the Patrol Division that focuses on traffic enforcement, accident investigation and reconstruction, monitoring traffic patterns and establishing control to ensure the safety of motorists and pedestrians as well as maintain reasonable traffic movements, and to conduct enforcement in selected locations that have a high frequency of accidents based on accident analysis or areas identified through a complaint process.

**May 30, 2012 - Crime Scene Investigation** - The Crime Scene Unit is under the Uniformed Patrol Operation and assists in the investigation of major crimes within the city of Peoria. Members of the Crime Scene Unit are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and are responsible for evidence collection which includes photographing, videotaping, fingerprinting, evidence processing, and diagramming crime scenes.

**June 6, 2012 - Juvenile Investigations** - The main function of the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) is to provide follow-up investigative assistance on cases that go beyond the initial crime scene allowing first-line personnel to return to regular duties sooner while enhancing the quality of the investigations. The Criminal Investigations Division is broken down into specific crime types such as major crimes, property crimes, crimes against persons, forgery and fraud detection, computer crimes, and also dedicates two officers to the area multi-jurisdictional auto theft task force.

**June 13, 2012 - K9 Unit** - The K9 Unit falls under the division of Uniformed Patrol and is a highly trained team designed to assist in the apprehension of violent criminals, narcotics detection, explosive detection, and crowd control. The Peoria Police Department currently has four K9 units most of which are trained in multiple applications which include, the detection of illegal drugs, explosive materials, tracking of subjects, and article searches.

**June 20, 2012 - *Special Response Team*** - The primary responsibility of the Special Response Team (SRT) is the resolution of difficult police situations, outside the realm of the ordinary police response, through the use of developed skills and tactics, as well as specialized equipment, weapons, and capabilities. Types of incidents that would necessitate the response of SRT would be, but is not limited to, hostage situations, barricaded subjects, sniper situations, high risk apprehensions, high risk search warrant executions, and special assignments such as personal protection.

**June 27, 2012 - *CrimeView Mapping/Emergency Communications Center*** - CrimeView Mapping offers law enforcement officers a wide variety of options for tracking specific crimes relative to certain areas. In addition, the Peoria City Crime Mapping Program allows the community to also access neighborhood crime mapping details via user-friendly internet queries which enables citizens to view interactive crime maps that are updated daily.

The main function of the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) is to provide the public with an appropriate response to calls for assistance and serves as the vital link between the citizens of Peoria County and all public safety organizations. Peoria's ECC serves area departments such as the Peoria Police Department, Peoria County Sheriff's Office, Peoria Fire Department, Advance Medical Transport, and Emergency Response Services (ERS).

**July 4<sup>th</sup> - No Class**

**July 11, 2012 - *Explosive Ordinance Disposal*** - The Explosive Ordinance Disposal Team (EOD) is a collateral duty within the Peoria Police Department and is comprised of highly trained explosive ordinance technicians who follow established guidelines to provide for the safest possible resolution to incidents involving explosives and improvised explosive devices, and other related incidents involving potentially explosive materials.

**July 18, 2012 - *Graduation*** - All participants who complete 80% of the curriculum or higher will receive a Peoria Police Citizens Academy Certificate of Completion. In addition to a Certificate of Completion, participants with 100% attendance will receive a Peoria Police Citizens Academy Award of Excellence signed by Peoria's Chief of Police.