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## **2022 Sheriff's Citizens Academy now Accepting Applications**

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Sheriff Lowell Griffin and the Henderson County Sheriff's Office would like to announce the 2022 Sheriff's Citizens Academy is now accepting applications for classes beginning February 1, 2022. The objective of the Citizen's Academy is to educate the public on the duties, requirements, and responsibilities of the office of Sheriff in Henderson County. The class is for every citizen in the county that seeks to enhance his or her knowledge of our county's law enforcement and thus become a more supportive citizen.

There are 13 classes scheduled, all of which are on Tuesday evening and start promptly at 6:00 p.m. and end approximately at 9:00 p.m. . All classes are in the Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Center training room. Class size is limited to 30 students and classes will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Class topics include, but are not limited to: officer training & education requirements, criminal investigations, STAR program & school resource officers, crime prevention techniques, frauds & scams, personal safety, 911 communications process, emergency preparedness, K-9 teams, animal enforcement, bomb squad & SWAT teams, detention, civil courts process, gang information, and drug prevention programs.

The class will tour law enforcement-related facilities, enjoy hands-on demonstrations, and get a close-up look at the vehicles and gear used in the daily operations. You will also meet many of our professional officers, office personnel, and the leadership team. There will be opportunities for you to ask questions and talk with the aforementioned personnel. It will be an educational and fun experience. The class fee is \$30.00, which includes a binder, handouts, graduation meal, and class recognitions at the final session.

Interested persons must pass a background check and may pick up an application at the Sheriff's Office at 100 North Grove Street in Hendersonville or download one from the Sheriff's Citizens Academy page on the Sheriff's Office website (<http://www.hendersoncountync.org/sheriff/index.html>).

For more information or questions please contact Citizens Academy Director Barry Brown at [\(828\) 694-2742](tel:8286942742) or [bbrown@hendersoncountync.org](mailto:bbrown@hendersoncountync.org).

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