



Watertown Police Department

Citizens' Police Academy

Spring 2016 Weekly Syllabus



Orientation and Introduction to the Police Department			
Instructors – Capt Ryan Remmers, Chief Lee McPeek, Asst Chief Tim Toomey, Capt Tracy Schaefer, Capt Scott McMahon			
Jan 20	6:00 – 6:15	Remmers	Welcome and Introductions
	6:15 – 6:30	McPeek	Remarks about the PD in general/Mission/Values, etc
	6:30 – 6:45	Schaefer	Special Operations
	6:45 – 7:00	Toomey	Operations Bureau
	7:00 – 7:15	McMahon	Support Services Division
	7:15 – 7:30	Remmers	Professional Standards Division
	7:30 – 7:40	-	Break
	7:40 – 8:40	Remmers	Building tour
	8:40 – 9:00	Remmers	Closing remarks
Patrol Operations/Crash Investigations/Traffic			
Instructors – Sgt Steve Rehorst, Gene Barthel			
Jan 27	6:00 – 6:30	Rehorst	Function, mission, and methods of patrol
	6:30 – 7:00	Rehorst/Barthel	Crash investigation
	7:00 – 7:15	-	Break
	7:15 – 7:30	Barthel	RADAR & LIDAR
	7:30 – 9:00	All	Practical Applications - Crash Inv, Traffic Stops, RADAR
Crime Scene Investigation / Crime Lab Part 1			
Instructors – Captain Remmers, Detective Reuben Kinnunen, CSI Team			
Feb 3	6:00 – 6:30	All	Crime scene photography
	6:30 – 7:15	All	Fingerprint and impression evidence
	7:15 – 7:25	-	Break
	7:25 – 9:00	All	Practical applications in crime lab (Different methods to develop/expose prints and impressions)
Crime Scene Investigation / Crime Lab Part 2			
Instructors – Captain Remmers, Detective Reuben Kinnunen, CSI Team			
Feb 10	6:00 – 6:30	All	DNA and trace evidence, blood spatter analysis
	6:30 – 7:00	All	Evidence collection, preservation, and storage
	7:00 – 9:00	All	Practical application in crime lab (Mock crime scenes set up in garage)
Intro to Investigative Division / Criminal Procedure / Computer Crimes			
Instructor – Detective Nic Ahmann			
Feb 17	6:00 – 7:30	Ahmann	Intro to Crim. Inv. Division, Court Process
	7:30 – 7:40	-	Break
	7:40 – 9:00	Ahmann	Computer Crimes, Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC)

Feb 24	Interview & Interrogation / Polygraph		
	Instructors – Detective Sgt Troy VanDusen, Detective Mark Kuhlman		
	6:00 – 7:20	VanDusen	Interview and Interrogation
	7:20 – 7:30	-	Break
	7:30 – 9:00	TBD	OPEN

Mar 2	911 Center & Crime Prevention		
	Instructors – Lead Communications Officer Kelley Anderson, Captain Tracy Schaefer		
	6:00 – 6:45	Anderson	History of 911, capabilities of our 911 center
	6:45 – 7:30	Anderson	Small groups - demonstrations, exercises, and tour
	7:30 – 7:40	-	Break
	7:40 – 9:00	Schaefer	Crime Prevention

Mar 9	No Class (Spring Break for LATI students)		

Mar 16	Drug Investigations / K9 Operations		
	Instructors – Detective Terry Ingalls, Sgt Kirk Ellis, Officer Chad Gamber		
	6:00 – 7:30	Ingalls	Trends in local drug activity, awareness, efforts to combat drugs
	7:30 – 7:40	-	Break
	7:40 – 8:15	Ellis/Gamber	K9 Operations
	8:15 – 9:00	Ellis/Gamber	Practical applications – K9 searches

Mar 23	Domestic Violence / SWAT		
	Instructors – Captain Ryan Remmers, Angie Meseberg (WRC), Sgt Kirk Ellis		
	6:00 – 7:00	Remmers	Domestic violence and the WPD's efforts to combat it
	7:00 – 7:30	Meseberg	Services available at the Watertown Resource Center
	7:30 – 7:40	-	Break
	7:40 – 9:00	Ellis	SWAT operations

Mar 30	No Class (Easter Break for Mt. Marty and LATI students) Make-up Date		
	Will serve as a make-up date in case of inclement weather		

Apr 6	Our Law Enforcement Partners		
	Instructors – CCSAR, CCSO, State Attorney, SDHP, SD Dept of Parole, DCI		
	6:00 – 9:00	Various	Pending

DWI Investigation / Crisis Negotiation			
Apr 13	Instructor – Sgt Troy VanDusen		
	6:00 – 7:00	VanDusen	Laws related to DWI, investigative techniques, sobriety tests
	7:00 – 7:10	--	Break
	7:10 – 7:45	VanDusen	Practical applications - DWI
	7:45 – 9:00	VanDusen	Crisis negotiation

Defensive Tactics / Use of Force / Firearms / Graduation			
Apr 20	Instructors –Corporal Ryan Beauchamp, Captain Ryan Remmers		
	6:00 – 6:45	Beauchamp	Force continuum, resistance levels, response to resistance
	6:45 – 7:00	Remmers	Firearms - familiarization
	7:00 – 8:30	All	Practical applications – Use of force & firearms
	8:30 – 9:00	Remmers	Graduation