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## 2009 Citizen Police Academy Now Forming

The Merriam Police Department is now accepting applications for the 2009 Citizen Police Academy.

Through this course, citizens will gain a general understanding of the complexities of modern day police work and have an opportunity to become better acquainted with the individual officers of the Merriam Police Department.

Topics include: Basic Patrol, Traffic Stops, Radar/Laser, Drug Investigations, Search and Seizure, Investigations, Use of Force, Defensive Tactics, Accident Investigations, Firearms, S.W.A.T., D.A.R.E, and DUI. The academy participants can expect to experience many aspects of police training including participating in a firearms range, a Taser demonstration, and other hands-on activities.

Sixteen citizens graduated from the first Merriam Citizen's Police Academy. A video of highlights of the 2008 Citizen's Police Academy, can be found online by clicking [here](#).

The next academy will begin on March 2nd, with classes through May 14th. To participate in this program you must complete an [application for enrollment](#). For additional information, contact Lt. Mike Daniels at (913) 322-5586 or visit [www.merriam.org/MPD](http://www.merriam.org/MPD).

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