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The City of South San Francisco

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City of South San Francisco's Police Department Now Accepting Applications for its 32nd Annual Citizens' Police Academy

Application deadline is July 28th

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., July 21, 2017 - Want a backstage pass to the exciting world of local law enforcement? Now is your chance to get an up-close-and-in-person view of the operations and duties of the South San Francisco Police Department (SSFPD).

The South San Francisco Citizens' Police Academy is a free, 13-week program that holds class once a week, starting August 10th and ending November 2nd. Each class is 2-1/2 hours and focuses on a different aspect of police work. For example, how are police officers hired? What is a SWAT team? What are the duties of K-9 officers? What takes place in firearms training? These questions and more will be addressed in each weekly class.

"Each week students will have the opportunity to delve into the world of the SSFPD and gain a better understanding and respect of the department and the many duties of its dedicated men, women, and K-9s in blue," said South San Francisco Police Chief Jeff Azzopardi. "If you've ever wondered what goes on inside a police department, participating in this class will provide you with a real-world glimpse."

What are the requirements? If you live or work in South San Francisco, are at

least 18 years old, free of any felony convictions, and have an interest and desire to expand your knowledge and learn about the inner workings of local law enforcement, this class may be for you!

Classes are held every Thursday, 6:00 p.m., at the Municipal Services Building, SSFPD Training Room, 33 Arroyo Drive, in South San Francisco. They are offered in English and are limited to 25 students.

An itinerary of the 13-week academy is below:

DATE	TOPICS
Thursday, August 10, 2017	Welcome/Chief's Introduction/COPPS & Station Tours
Thursday, August 17, 2017	Hiring Process & Internal Affairs Investigations/Full-Time Officers
Thursday, August 24, 2017	Identity Theft/Evidence Collection
Thursday, August 31, 2017	K - 9 Demonstration ***BRING JACKET***/Domestic Violence
Thursday, September 7, 2017	Narcotic Enforcement/290 and Sex Registration
Thursday, September 14, 2017	Dispatch/Gang and Juveniles
Thursday, September 21, 2017	Street Survival/SWAT
Thursday, September 28, 2017	Use of Force
Thursday, October 5, 2017	High-Risk Traffic Stops ***BRING JACKET***
Thursday, October 12, 2017	Driving Under the Influence/647(f)/Traffic
Thursday, October 19, 2017	San Mateo County Jail Tour/Meet at Redwood City Main Jail
Thursday, October 26, 2017	Pistol Range
Thursday, November 2, 2017	Graduation

"Taking this class has opened up my eyes to what our police officers face each and every day in the line of duty," said Dan Baker, a former graduate of the program. "If you have a thirst for knowledge and want to learn and grow, then I highly recommend applying to become a student in this class. I have always respected the work of our South San Francisco police officers; however, I have a newfound respect for what they deal with each and every day because I have had a chance to experience it firsthand."

For more information on the South San Francisco Citizens' Police Academy, please [click here](#) or contact Corporal Jason Pfarr at 650.829.3931.

About South San Francisco

The City of South San Francisco proudly remains *The Industrial City*, a reflection of its steel mill and ship building past, redefined to reflect the innovative, entrepreneurial and industrious spirit which has made South San Francisco the Biotech Capital of the World, with 215 active biotech companies and

growing. A vibrant community of 64,585 residents, South San Francisco enjoys a high quality of life with an extensive public parks system, active library and learning programming and a dynamic, engaged community making South San Francisco a great place to live, learn, work and play.

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