



Bristol Police Department

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KEVIN M. LYNCH
Chief of Police

November 15, 2023, Council Agenda Item Request:

Madam Clerk,

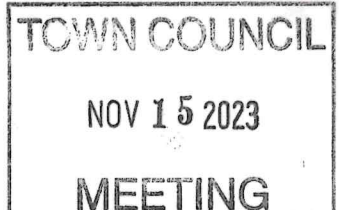
I would like to be placed on the November 15, 2023 council docket to discuss our 2024 Citizen's Academy Class (Public Service Announcement) beginning on Thursday, January 25, 2024.

Thank You

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sgt. Ricardo Mourato".

Sgt. Ricardo Mourato



Selection, Procedures, and Participant Requirements

Citizens Police Academy participants are selected through an application process. Enrollment is limited to thirty (30) students per class. Potential candidates for the Citizens Police Academy must meet the following criteria:

- ♦ Must be a minimum of 18 years of age.
- ♦ Must live or work in the Town of Bristol.
- ♦ Must have NO felony convictions .
- ♦ Must have no misdemeanor conviction within one year of application.

Any of the above requirements may be waived by the Chief of Police. Classes meet Thursday evenings from 6:00pm to 8:00pm for ten (10) weeks at the Bristol Police Department's training room or other designated locations.

If you would like to participate in the upcoming Academy, please complete an application and mail to or bring to:

Bristol Police Department
395 Metacom Avenue
Bristol, RI 02809

**Applications will be accepted until
Friday December 15, 2023**

Chief's Message

Thank you for your interest in the Bristol Police Department's Citizen Police Academy. In this academy you will learn the "how", but more importantly the "why", of what we do as your police department. Your instructors are men and women of your police department committed to serving our community.

Community involvement in a police department is absolutely critical and valued. The term "community policing" denotes that philosophy, and one that I strongly support. As such, the Citizens Academy provides an excellent way to get to know the department and the people who are committed to your safety.

I sincerely encourage you to consider participating in the Citizens Police Academy, and believe you will truly enjoy learning more about your department and community.

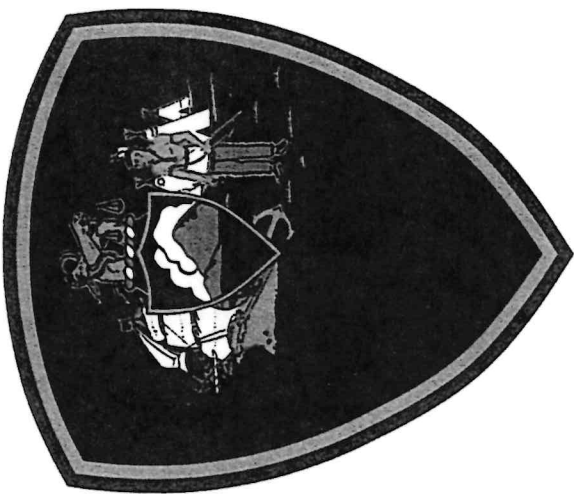
Respectfully,

Kevin M. Lynch

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Chief of Police

Bristol Police Department



January 11, 2024-

March 14, 2024

Thursdays, 6-8 pm

Bristol Police Department
Bristol, RI 02809
Phone: 404-253-2105

Sgt. Ricardo Mourato
E-mail: rmourato@bristolri.gov

About the Citizens Police Academy

The Citizens Police Academy is a ten (10) week program designed to give participants an inside look at local law enforcement. During the Academy students will be introduced to a variety of topics that will give them an overview of the Bristol Police Department's functions and operational procedures.

Academy classes are presented by the men and women of the Police Department. Participants may have the opportunity to meet with the Chief of Police and various other staff members. Students are encouraged to ask questions and express ideas and concerns.

Classes are held on Thursdays from 6-8pm.

For additional information please contact Sgt. Ricardo Mourato at (401) 253-2105 or email: rmourato@bristolri.gov.

You may also visit our website at: <https://www.bristolri.gov/departments/police/> for information or a downloadable application.

What will I learn?

All instruction for the Academy is done by veteran police officers and certified police instructors. The curriculum and teaching methods are similar to the traditional Police Academy; however, the weekly sessions are not designed to train the participants as a police officer.

Students are instructed on such topics as:

- ◆ Tour/Introduction/Department Overview
- ◆ Accreditation
- ◆ Use of Force
- ◆ Taser/OC/Bolo Wrap
- ◆ SRO/Comfort Dog
- ◆ Patrol Functions/Traffic Enforcement/DUI
- ◆ Criminal Law/Criminal Procedure
- ◆ Ride-a-long
- ◆ FATS Simulation
- ◆ Detectives & Mock Crime Scene

Who can participate?

Citizens who live or work in the Town of Bristol will be given first preference. However, we also encourage citizens who do not fall within the above categories and have an interest in law enforcement, to apply.

A criminal record and driving status is checked on each applicant. The Bristol Police Department reserves the right to deny acceptance to persons with a criminal history.

Cost?

Free! The only cost to participants is their time. Participants are required to attend at least eight (8) classes to be eligible for graduation.

Where?

The Citizens Police Academy is held at the Bristol Police Department Headquarters' training room.

When?

Classes are offered one night a week from 6-8pm for ten (10) consecutive weeks.





BRISTOL POLICE DEPARTMENT



Citizens Academy Application

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Driver's License / ID#: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, and Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Occupation: _____ Email: _____

Employer Name: _____

Employer Address: _____

Are you a member of any civic group or professional organization? _____

If Yes, details: _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? _____ If yes, details: _____

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor? _____ If yes, details: _____

Why do you wish to attend the Bristol Police Department's Citizens Academy?

I authorize the Bristol Police Department to conduct a background check prior to my acceptance into the Citizens Academy.

Signed: _____ Date: _____