

MEMORANDUM



TO: ERICK W. ZINSER, CHIEF OF POLICE
FROM: STEVEN D. SNELL – DETECTIVE SERGEANT
SUBJECT: LAKES AREA CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY – 46TH SESSION
DATE: MAY 16, 2024

The Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy was founded in 1991 by the Novi, South Lyon, Wolverine Lake, Wixom, and Walled Lake Police Departments to provide interested persons an inside look at law enforcement. The academy developed into an eleven-week course, held during the Spring of each year, consisting of instruction that is designed to provide the public with a working knowledge of each department's personnel, policies, and procedures. The goal of the academy is to increase public awareness and create strong partnerships between law enforcement and the community. Each graduate will develop a deeper knowledge of how the criminal justice system fits into their community and in turn, the participating police departments will also become more cognizant of the feelings and concerns the students have within their communities.

This is accomplished through classroom instruction as well as hands-on practical application in such areas as patrol operations, firearms, crime scene investigations, and K-9. In addition, students were able to tour the facilities that each police department routinely works with including the 52-1 District Court and the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office. Throughout the academy, students were encouraged to participate in a "ride-along" with the uniform patrol division with the participating departments to further enhance their experience and knowledge.

The 2024 graduating class was the 46th session of the Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy, which culminated on May 15, 2024, with a graduation honoring the dedication and commitment to the eleven-week course. The graduates enrolled from surrounding communities including Wixom, Wolverine Lake, Walled Lake, Commerce Township and South Lyon. The graduates had the opportunity to bring a guest to help celebrate their achievements. Each graduate was presented with a Certificate of Completion prior to enjoying a catered meal provided by a local Novi restaurant, Big Tommy's Parthenon.

