



STATE POLICE TRAIN CITIZEN CORPS VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST DURING EMERGENCIES

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LANSING. For the next two days, approximately 100 Citizen Corps members will receive hands-on training by the Michigan State Police (MSP) during the Citizens Police Academy to enhance their skills when volunteering with police agencies during an emergency.

In order to attend, individuals must be registered with a Citizen Corps program including Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), Neighborhood Watch (NW) and Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS), which focus on emergency preparedness and serving as a trusted resource for first responders.

Hosted at the MSP Training Academy in Lansing, participants will learn about many facets of law enforcement including police ethics, crash reconstruction, evidence collection, traffic control, witness recognition and Citizen Corps program training techniques.

Attendees will also have an opportunity to experience laps around the MSP Drive Track, see a demonstration by the MSP Canine Unit, tour the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Training Center, as well as meet the MSP Bomb Squad, Emergency Support (ES) Team and Dive Team.

“The Citizens Police Academy is a great opportunity for Citizen Corps volunteers to gain a better understanding of law enforcement and learn how they can assist in our mission to protect public health and safety,” said Capt. W. Thomas Sands of the MSP Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (EMHSD). “After attending this training, participants will be better prepared to assist both their community and law enforcement agencies in times of an emergency.”

MORE

Participants attending the Citizens Police Academy are from the cities of:

City	City (continued)
Belmont	Lincoln Park
Clio	Livonia
Davison	Marcellus
Decatur*	Mattawan*
Detroit*	Oshtemo
Durand*	Owosso
Eaton Rapids	Paw Paw*
Farmington Hills	Perry
Fenton*	Rochester Hills
Flint*	Rockford*
Grand Blanc	Roscommon
Grand Junction*	Schoolcraft
Greenville	Shelby Twp.
Hartford*	South Haven
Helena	Southfield
Henderson	St. Joseph*
Ira	Sterling Heights*
Kalamazoo*	Westland
Lawrence*	Ypsilanti

*Multiple participants attending

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