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Police Chief George Sherrill

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HOLDEN, Mass. — Dates have been set for the Civilian Police Academy, a course that the Holden Police hope will offer residents a new perspective on the work officers do everyday.

"We'd like residents to see some of the issues that police have to deal with on a daily basis," said Police Chief George Sherrill. "There's a lot of rumors and myths out there, and when people hear of an incident there's a lot of the 'well, the police should've, could've would've done this' but we have certain legal restraints that we have to operate under."

The course topics include criminal law and criminal procedure, use of force and weapons, and motor vehicle law and motor vehicle stops.

Guest instructors will include former district attorney Michael Donnelly, assistant professor of Criminal Justice at Anna Maria College.

The Academy will also include fields trips to the Worcester County Jail and to the Police Academy in New Braintree,

The academy classes will run on Thursday nights at 7 p.m. starting on Jan. 26.

Residents interested in participating in the academy are encouraged to contact Holden Police Chief George Sherrill with questions by calling the Holden Police business line at 508-829-4444 and asking for the Chief, or by e-mailing him directly at gsherrill@holdenma.gov.



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