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Holden Civilian Police Academy gives residents inside look

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HOLDEN — Calling all CSI enthusiasts! The Holden Civilian Police Academy is accepting enrollees for adults interested in learning more about the nitty-gritty of police work.

Police Chief George Sherrill said this is the first time the department has been able to offer a civilian academy since before construction began on the new public safety building.

He said the class will cover a variety of topics, including police training, criminal law, weapons and the use of force, and different officers on the Holden police force will teach different classes, depending on their areas of expertise.

"Weather permitting, we'll go outside behind the building and show how we do traffic stops, and why we approach things the way they do," Chief Sherrill said.

There will also be two field trips, one to the Worcester County Jail and House of Correction in West Boylston, and one to the State Police Academy in New Braintree.

The class will begin on January 26, and run from 7 to 9 pm for six weeks and is open to anyone aged 18 or older, and attendees do not have to live in town to participate. To register, contact Chief Sherrill at gsherrill@holdenma.gov.

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