

CJC to host 33rd Citizens' Criminal Justice Academy

Special to The Sun The Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) will host its 33rd annual Citizens' Criminal Justice Academy this fall. The 10-week program begins on Monday, Sept. 25 and runs 10 consecutive Mondays, from 6 to 9 p.m., with the last session on Dec. 11.

This exciting, free program is open to all residents living in Palm Beach County who wish to learn more about the criminal justice system. Lectures will be provided by local, state and federal law enforcement professionals.

CJC is proud to announce a greater collaboration with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO). Sheriff Ric Bradshaw and his staff are committed to educating citizens and helping them be informed members of the community. The improved program will include discussions with experts in cybercrime and Homeland Security, and there will be demonstrations of police body cameras. Participants will have

the opportunity to see high-tech equipment first hand.

Participants will learn about local law enforcement including PBSO Special Operations. Tours are planned at the Main Detention Center, the Main Courthouse, and the Medical Examiner's Office. Most of the program consists of classroom-style lectures with interactive presentations and plenty of opportunities for questions and answers.

The first four classes will be held at the West Palm Beach Police Department, 600 Banyan Street, West Palm Beach, in the first floor community room. Subsequent classes will be in other locations in the West Palm Beach area.

If you are curious about the criminal justice system, here is your chance to get

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involved and learn from the experts. The academy is sponsored by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners as a public service.

Registration closes on Monday, Sept. 18, at 5

p.m. Due to space limitations, only 50 people will be able to enroll. To sign up, please use the online registration form. For information about the Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy, visit <http://discover.pbcgov.org/criminaljustice/Pages/Citizens-Criminal-Justice-Academy.aspx> or call 561-355-4943.