

WELCOME TO THE WAYNE COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S CITIZENS ACADEMY

Welcome to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Citizen Academy. We hope that you will find the academy informative and worthwhile. The following information will help you anticipate what to expect at the academy.

Our Mission:

To demystify the criminal justice system and provide an inside look at criminal prosecution in Wayne County.

Overview:

The Citizens Academy is a free eight-week program designed to educate and inspire the citizens of Wayne County by providing insight into the criminal justice system and criminal prosecution in the county. The program will feature an anatomy of a criminal case and the justice system by discussing the role of the Wayne County Prosecutors Office, as well as other law enforcement agencies in a criminal investigation. The Academy will include discussions on crime investigation, specialized units designed to protect the most vulnerable members of our county, and the opportunity to weigh in with experts in the criminal justice system. It is our goal that Citizen Academy graduates will help to create a safer and stronger community-based response to crime.

1. Scheduled Dates and Topics:

9/8/2009	Welcome Session
9/15/2009	Combating Violence
9/22/2009	Special Challenges to Prosecution
9/29/2009	Innovative Programs
10/6/2009	MSP Crime Lab Virtual Tour & Breakout Groups
10/13/2009	Breakout Groups
10/20/2009	Breakout Groups
10/27/2009	Everyday Heroes Awards, The Importance of Jury Service, Graduation, & Reception

Time

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (with two 15 minute breaks)

Location

Henry Ford Community College
SAE Bldg.
5101 Evergreen
Dearborn, MI 48128

Week 1 – Welcome Session (9/8/2009):

6:00-6:20pm	Introduction and Overview of the Academy (Kym Worthy)
6:20-6:40pm	Welcome and Remarks (Local Public Official)
6:40-7:00pm	Overview of the WCPO (Kym Worthy)
7:00-7:10pm	Break
7:10-7:30pm	The Real CSI (Judge Timothy Kenny)
7:30-7:50pm	The Med. Exam. Office Role in a Crim. Investigation (Rep. from Medical Examiner's Office)
7:50-8:20pm	The Role of Law Enforcement (Local Law Enforcement Official)
8:20-8:30pm	Break
8:30-9:00	Questions and Answer Session

Week 2 – Combating Violence (9/15/2009):

The Wayne County Prosecutors Office operates six highly specialized units, which prosecute cases involving crimes of violence that deeply affect our community. From the most heinous murders prosecuted by the Homicide Unit to the quality of life issues addressed by the Domestic Violence Unit, innocent victims and their families are often affected for the rest of their lives. This week will focus on the special challenges in prosecuting violent crime committed on our streets, in our neighborhoods and within the family, which require extraordinary sensitivity and intense expertise.

6:00-6:20pm	Homicide – Athina Siringas
6:20-6:40pm	Domestic Violence – Piper Fakir
6:40-7:00pm	Child Abuse - Lora Weingarden
7:00-7:10pm	Break
7:10-7:30pm	Elder Abuse – Thomas Wenzel
7:30-7:50pm	Sexual Assault – Suzette Samuels
7:50-8:10pm	Victim/Witness Advocates – Karen Watts
8:10-8:20pm	Break
8:20-9:00pm	Questions and Answer Session

Week 3 – Special Challenges to Prosecution (9/22/2009):

The staff of the Wayne County Prosecutors Office, in partnership with the community we serve, is dedicated to the pursuit of justice, protection of the innocent and the prevention of crime through the vigorous and professional prosecution of those who violate the law. Often the cases prosecutors and law enforcement officers encounter involve unique circumstances that require special talents in conducting a criminal investigation. The topics will include how prosecutors and investigators work with cases that involve special circumstances.

6:00-6:20pm	Identity theft – Dennis Doherty
6:20-6:40pm	Public Integrity – Robert Donaldson
6:40-7:00pm	Deed Fraud – Abed Hammoud
7:00-7:10pm	Break
7:10-7:30pm	Community Prosecution – Steve Taratuta
7:30-7:50pm	Juvenile – Robert Heimbuch or Brian Morrow
7:50-8:10pm	Scrap Metal Theft – Dennis Doherty
8:10-8:20pm	Break
8:20-9:00pm	Question and Answer Session

Week 4 – Innovative Programs (9/29/2009):

Citizen Academy participants will be advised of a series of innovative and productive programs initiated by Wayne County Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy that are designed to address specific crime problems that affect many of our citizens.

6:00-6:20pm	Internet Crimes – Keith Clark
6:20-6:40pm	Prosecutors Auto Theft – Dennis Doherty
6:40-7:00pm	Operation TIDE – Kim Miles
7:00-7:10pm	Break
7:10-7:30pm	Felony Nonsupport – Nancy Neff
7:30-7:50pm	Forfeiture/Drunk Driving – Brian Moody
7:50-8:10pm	Major Drugs – Frank Simone
8:10-8:20pm	Break
8:20-9:00pm	Questions and Answers Session

Week 5 – Virtual Tour of the MSP Crime Lab and Breakout Groups

(10/6/2009):

6:00-7:00pm Mobile Crime Lab
7:00-7:10pm Break
7:10-8:10pm Virtual Tour of Crime Lab
8:10-8:20pm Break
8:20-9:00pm Breakout groups

Week 6 – Breakout Groups (10/13/2009):

6:00-6:45pm Breakout groups
7:00-7:45pm Breakout groups
8:00-8:45pm Breakout groups

Week 7 – Breakout Groups (10/20/2009):

6:00-6:45pm Breakout groups
7:00-7:45pm Breakout groups
8:00-8:45pm Breakout groups

Week 8 – Graduation and Everyday Hero Awards (10/27/2009):

6:00-7:00pm Everyday Heroes Awards
7:00-7:15pm Break
7:15-8:15pm Graduation Ceremony
8:15-8:30pm Importance of Jury Service
8:30-9:00pm Reception and photo opportunities

Breakout Groups:

There are seven breakout groups:

- Animal Cruelty
- Child Abuse
- Deed Fraud
- Elder Abuse
- Gangs
- Homicides
- Internet Crimes

Each breakout group will meet once on 10/6/2009, and three times each on 10/13/2009 and 10/20/2009, enabling every participant to rotate through every breakout group.