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Maricopa County
Attorney's Office
Citizens Academy
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602-506-5754

Attendees of the Maricopa County Attorney's Office's Citizens Academy program will be required to provide the coordinator with their Social Security Number and Date of Birth for processing of a prohibited possessor background check.

This is due to the fact that it is a criminal offense for persons who have committed certain criminal offenses in the past to possess a firearm.

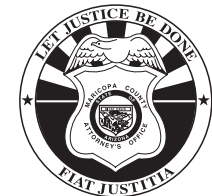
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CITIZENS ACADEMY



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ANDREW THOMAS
County Attorney



As Chief Prosecutor for Maricopa County, I welcome your interest in the Citizens Academy taught by the Maricopa County Attorney's Office. Many citizens are not

entirely familiar with the procedures of the criminal justice system. I believe it is important that my office help increase understanding of our legal system and how the law is enforced by prosecutors and interpreted and applied by the courts.

Participants in the Citizens Academy will learn about the role of various agencies involved in detecting, prosecuting and punishing criminal activity. Law enforcement officers, attorneys, and the court system are all incorporated into the program, so that our graduates will gain a true insider's view of the process used to make decisions in the criminal justice system.

It is important for all citizens to be familiar with our criminal justice system and their rights as citizens. I'm confident the course of instruction offered by the Citizens Academy will help improve the public's understanding of the duties and responsibilities of our law enforcement officials, and I appreciate your interest in this program.

Sincerely,

Andrew P. Thomas
Maricopa County Attorney

Why did they do that?

You see a news report on television about a court case. The video footage shows a prosecutor from the Maricopa County Attorney's Office presenting evidence in the case. What was involved in investigating the case? How did the Maricopa County Attorney's Office decide whether or not to prosecute the case?

If you've ever asked these questions, you can discover the answers firsthand by participating in the Citizens Academy.



How is a case processed?

The Citizens Academy gives Maricopa County residents the chance to see first-hand the processing of a case through the criminal justice system. The program includes many "hands-on" experiences, such as observation of proceedings taking place in the Maricopa County Superior Court and being a part of a mock incident review board, in which academy members look at evidence from a mock case and decide whether to proceed with prosecu-

tion. In addition, Academy members will learn how forensic evidence is gathered and used in prosecuting cases and will have the opportunity to use the Phoenix Police Department's FATS (Firearms Training Simulator) machine.



How do I sign up?

If you are interested in participating in this exciting and informative program, just log onto http://www.maricopacountyattorney.org/community_programs/citizens_academy/ to submit your online registration or call 602-506-5754 to be added to the list. Academy groups will be limited to approximately 14 participants a session.

Once your registration is received, the Maricopa County Attorney's Office will review your registration and call to confirm your spot in the next available class. Classes are held bi-monthly and filled on a first come first served basis. If your organization or club is interested in attending as a group, please call in advance to make special arrangements.