Latinx Police Academy

Understanding through Education

THE LATINX POLICE ACADEMY

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The Latinx Police Academy will cover the following topics:

- *Welcome, Sheriff Michelle LaJoye Young*
- *Legal Updates*
- *Overview and Tour of the Kent County Correctional Facility*
- *Overview and Tour of the Emergency Communication Center*
- *Overview of Road Patrol, Tactical Team, Firearms, Use of Force, Felony Stops, Drug Recognition and DUI Enforcement*
- *Community Policing, School Resource Officers, Social Media*
- *Crime Scene Investigation*
- *Graduation*

Classes are held for 6 weeks on Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Must be 18 years of age to participate. Please be advised that this program will be predominately in Spanish. To sign up or learn more about this opportunity, please contact Sgt. Oswaldo Hernandez at 450-4237, send him an email at oswaldo.hernandez@kentcountymi.gov You can also register your attendance online at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D48ACAD29AAF94-latino

fill out the application on the back of this form.

WHEN:
Thursday August 19, 2021 - September 23, 2021

WHERE:
Thursday August 19th
Hispanic Center of Western Michigan 1204 Grandville Ave SW.

Thursday August 26th - Sept 23rd
Kent County Sheriff's Office
701 Ball Ave NE Grand Rapids, MI

TIME:
6:30pm – 8:00pm

COST:
FREE

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Attendees will learn about departmental resources and programs and, more importantly, the men and women who comprise the Kent County Sheriff's Office. Classes will be a combination of lectures and interactive activities led by sheriff department officers, with topics such as, crime prevention, crime scene investigation, correctional facility tour, emergency communication center, firearms, use of force, tactical team, felony stops, drug recognition, DUI enforcement and much more.

Upon successful completion of the Latinx Police Academy, participants attend a graduation ceremony and are awarded a certificate of attendance. The safety and security of our community depends on the active cooperation and participation of all its residents. It is hoped that graduates of this program will be motived to continue as active partners and join the law enforcement volunteer outreach programs.

The program is open to Kent County residents above the age of 18. There is no cost to attend the Latinx Police Academy.

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If you would like to sign up or learn more about the Latinx Police Academy please contact Sgt. Oswaldo Hernandez 616-450-4237 or email oswaldo.hernandez@kentcountymi.gov

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Latinx Police Academy Application

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There is no cost to attend. Class size is limited and will be filled on a first-come basis.

PLEASE PRINT

Full Name:_____

Date of Birth:_____

Address:_____

City: _____ State: Michigan Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Mail or Email your completed application to:

Kent County Sheriff's Office
701 Ball Ave NE Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503
ATTN: Sgt. Oswaldo Hernandez
oswaldo.hernandez@kentcountymi.gov

If you have any questions, contact Sgt. Oswaldo Hernandez at 616-450-4237