



COUNTY OF YOLO
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
JEFF W. REISIG, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Yolo County District Attorney's Citizens Academy

**Summary of Classes
In partnership with**

**Yolo County Sheriff's Office
California Highway Patrol
Davis Police Department
UC Davis Police Department
Woodland Police Department
West Sacramento Police Department
Winters Police Department
Yolo County Probation Department**

SPRING 2014

April 24 – June 12

Thursdays, 6:00-8:30 PM

**At the Woodland Police Department
1000 Lincoln Avenue
Woodland, CA 95695**

**Week One: Welcome: Introduction to the Citizens Academy. “It Takes a
4/24/14 Community...” What can a concerned citizen do to make our
community a better place to live?**

Summary: Welcome to *Citizens Academy* with an overview of the next eight weeks and the participating agencies.

Speakers:

Introduction and Overview of the Academy, Mission & Welcoming
Remarks

District Attorney Jeff Reisig

Welcoming Remarks

Yolo County Sheriff Ed Prieto

Yolo County Probation Department Chief Brent Cardall

California Highway Patrol Captain Andy Menard

Davis Police Department Chief Landy Black

UC Davis Police Department Chief Matt Carmichael

Winters Police Department Chief Sergio Gutierrez

West Sacramento Police Chief Thomas McDonald

Woodland Police Department Chief Dan Bellini

Overview of Public Safety Agencies

Representatives from the Yolo County District Attorney’s Office and
Law Enforcement Agencies

Pizza will be served during this class session.

**Week Two: The Role of the District Attorney and Challenges: “Law & Order.”
5/1/14 Special Challenges of Prosecution --- Three Strikes; Special
Circumstances; 10/20/Life; Domestic Violence, Juvenile Cases**

Summary: While prime time television shows such as “*Law & Order*” capture ratings and audiences, they fail to show the day-to-day work of the District Attorney. We will provide an overview of the District Attorney’s Office and its Mission: *Justice Finds No Solace in Delay*. Learn about the various units in the office, filing decisions, case resolutions and challenges facing prosecutors today. What are some of the unique challenges faced by the District Attorney’s Office? How are Three Strikes cases decided? How do we handle Domestic Violence cases? What are the challenges in addressing juvenile crime?

Speakers:

Overview of the DA's Office

Chief Deputy District Attorney Jonathan Raven

Anatomy of a Case and Special Challenges

Asst. Chief Deputy District Attorney Steve Mount/Mike Cabral

Brady v. Maryland – Assistant Chief Deputy DA Mike Cabral

Intake, Filings, and Case Resolutions

Supervising Deputy District Attorney Garrett Hamilton

Week Three: The Role of Other Partners in the Criminal Justice System

5/8/14

Summary: Other players in the criminal justice system have an important role such as the judiciary and defense attorneys. Also learn about the Grand Jury.

Speakers:

The Judiciary

Presiding Judge Steven M. Basha - invited

The Grand Jury

Grand Juror Representative

Assistant Chief Deputy District Attorney Mike Cabral

The Role of the Defense Attorney

Steven C. Sabbadini, Defense Attorney - invited

Week Four: Tour of Yolo County Jail; AB 109 - Realignment

5/15/14

Summary: This class will take place at the Monroe Detention Center. Tour the Yolo County Jail and learn how it is operated. Also, learn about the impact of "Realignment" where defendants are being diverted from state prisons to county jails.

Speaker: Asst. Chief Deputy DA Steve Mount

Week Five: Victim Services

5/22/14

Summary: What are the rights of victims? Learn about Marsy's Law. We will talk about these issues and the services we offer victims. You will also hear from victims and survivors.

Speaker:

District Attorney Victim Services Program Manager Laura Valdes
Victims and Survivors

Week Six: Race as a Factor in the Criminal Justice System
To serve and Protect – Role of Law Enforcement and Internal Affairs

5/29/14

Summary: The issue of race continues to be raised on complex issues such as racial profiling. Learn about law enforcement training on racial profiling and efforts to open lines of communication between law enforcement and the communities they serve. The commission addressing racial profiling, a study on patrol stops and relevance of race in Prosecuting cases will be discussed. Also, learn about Internal Affairs and the Law Enforcement Review process for citizen complaints.

Speakers:

District Attorney's Office

Chief Deputy DA Jonathan Raven

Overview of Internal Affairs

DPD Assistant Chief Darren Pytel

WPD Lt. Derrek Kaff

Week Seven: Community Focus and Gangs

6/5/14

Summary: There is much more to the criminal justice system than the high profile cases we see on television or read about in the newspaper. Learn about a special unit which focuses on street gangs. What constitutes a gang? Who are the members? What does it mean to be a “gang” member? What can communities do to help prevent this problem and combat it?

Speakers:

Yolo County District Attorney's Office

Deputy District Attorney Ryan Couzens

Chief Investigator Rob Strange

Local Law Enforcement Representatives from Gang Task Force

WPD Sgt. Heath Parsons

Week Eight: Building Bridges and Partnerships: Community Policing,
6/12/14 and Community Participation – “From Rhetoric to Reality – Where do We
Go from Here?”

Graduation

Summary: Reflections on the first seven weeks and a look forward to continue the dialogue. Closing remarks on community involvement and participation to achieve long-term public safety solutions and strategies. Graduation reception and ceremony.

Speakers:

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Yolo County Sheriff Ed Prieto
Yolo County Probation Department Chief Brent Cardall
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