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Berlin Police Citizen's Academy

Berlin Police Chief Paul Fitzgerald is proud to announce that the Berlin Police Department will be hosting its 2010 Citizen's Police Academy.

The Citizen's Police Academy gives the Berlin Police Department another opportunity to positively interact with our citizens. In the Citizen's Police Academy, a positive relationship is developed through education. By sharing information about how and in what manner the Department strives to meet its goals, the student's misconceptions will be reduced. Students also have an opportunity to interact with the men and women of the Department who are entrusted in securing the citizen's safety and protecting their property.

Each week students of the Citizen's Academy will get an opportunity to learn from a Berlin Police Officer subjects such as Search & Seizure, Patrol Operations, Traffic Enforcement, Juvenile Investigations, Legal Use of Force, Police Training, Accident Investigation, and Use of Taser. Officers from specialized units will discuss and demonstrate canine, first responder, DARE, and ATV operations. A representative of the New Britain State's Attorney's Office will provide information on the court and criminal justice system.

The 10 sessions run from October 19 to December 21 on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the police department.

The program is open to all residents and persons who work in the Town of Berlin and are age 21 and older. The program is free of charge. All classroom materials will be supplied by the Berlin Police Department. Class size is limited to ten students.

For more information, persons may visit the Berlin Police Department website at WWW.BERLINPD.ORG and download the application. Applications are also available at the Berlin Police Department, 240 Kensington Road. Persons with questions may also contact Lt. Jim Gosselin at (860) 828-718

