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**Fountain Inn
Civics Academy**



What is Civics Academy?

Fountain Inn Civics Academy is a free course that provides residents of Fountain Inn with inside knowledge of the day-to-day work of city staff.

The course was first offered in 2022 and has continued annually.



Course Structure



01

Course Breakdown

The course is broken down into one class per department.

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Class Structure

Each individual class is broken down into three sections:

i

Lecture

Provides an overview of the functions of the department.

ii

Q & A

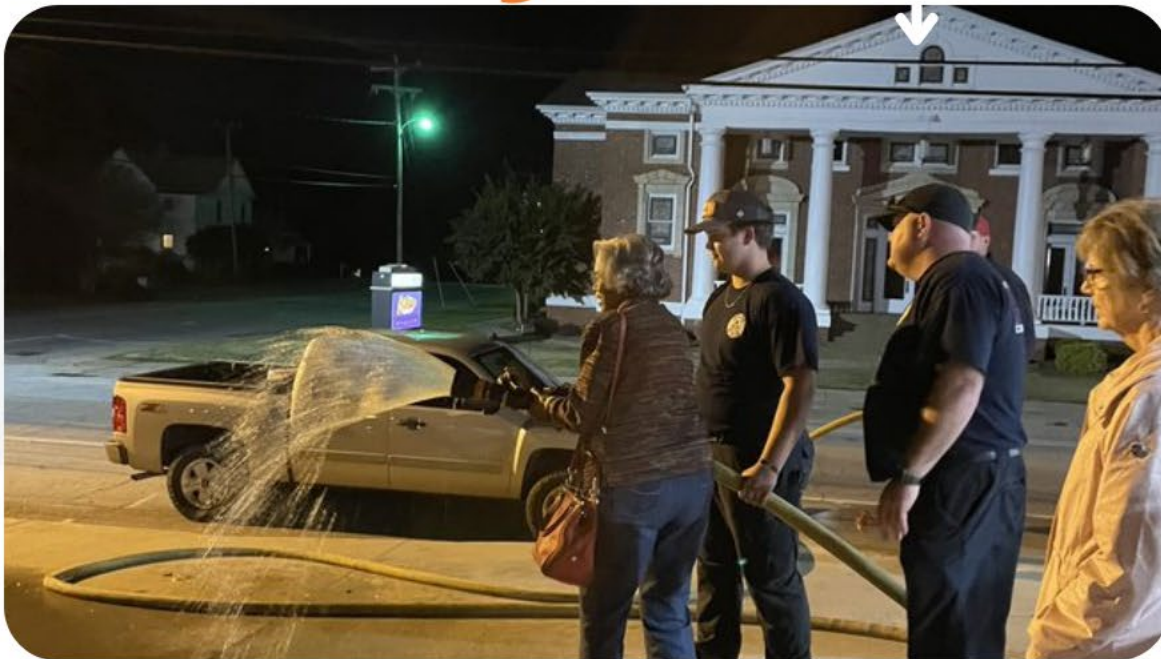
Allows Citizens to directly address questions or occasionally, complaints.

iii

Activity

Can include a facility tour or an exercise that gives participants a taste of what responsibilities the department is over.

Sample Activity



Budget Activity

You are responsible for allocating funds from the city's capital improvement budget to the following items. Your distributable funds are below.

\$800,000

Police Department Building Security Upgrades \$75,000 \$ _____	Public Works needs additional trash truck \$362,000 \$ _____	Fire Department Upgrades \$21,600 \$ _____
Plotter Upgrade for Planning and Development \$17,500 \$ _____	Activities Center Kitchen Equipment \$5,000 \$ _____	Parking Lot upgrades \$210,627 \$ _____
Field Truck Replacement for Natural Gas Dept. \$179,000 \$ _____	New Metal Detectors for City Court \$5,025 \$ _____	Camera Van with Software for Sewer \$290,000 \$ _____

Total Cost to accomplish all: \$1,165,752

Participants by the #s



15

Av. Participants

- Most have moved to Fountain Inn in the past 3 years



The Impacts of Civics Academy



Course Graduate Civic Involvement

- 1 City Council Run
- 1 BZA Member
- 1 Planning Commission Applicant
- 2 Went on to complete Police Citizen Academy
- Frequent Event Volunteer(s)
- Community Advocates

As a **new member** to the Fountain Inn community, I was eager to learn as much as I could, and I wanted to get involved. I found the Civics Academy experience to be a very pleasant educational and informative experience. As a result of this experience, I plan on **volunteering** for different activities such as the community clean up, wrapping gifts for the children around the holidays and hopefully find some **employment** with the City of Fountain Inn. Thank you for a great experience.





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