



# SPALDING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## Sheriff's Citizens Academy



### WHEN

Every Tuesday beginning August 18, 2026, from 6 pm to 9 pm for 11 weeks. Meals will be provided. Graduation will be Monday, 11/2/2026, at 6:00 pm.

### WHERE

Spalding County Sheriff's Office  
401 Justice Blvd.  
Griffin, GA 30224

This is a hands-on program where students will participate in demonstrations of equipment and, in some instances, placed in decision-making scenarios just as a Deputy would be while answering a call. There will also be a ride-along portion of the class where students will patrol with Deputies as they do their day-to-day jobs.

According to Sheriff Darrell Dix, "We want to immerse students in the jobs that we do at the Spalding County Sheriff's Office and allow them to get insight into how we function. We want to offer students the opportunity to ask questions and be active participants in this class so they can better understand the how's and why's of a Deputy Sheriff's job. Our goal is to do all we can to create understanding, build trust, and work with the citizens of Spalding County. I believe that there is no better way to accomplish this goal than by opening the doors of our agency and inviting the public to have an inside look at what we do."

### Classes Include:

- History of the Office of the Sheriff
- Uniform Patrol
- Criminal Investigations
- Special Operations
- Search and Seizure
- Response to Aggression
- Force Options
- De-Escalation Techniques
- Community Outreach
- K-9
- Detention Center
- Firearms
- Criminal Apprehension
- Gang Enforcement
- HAWK Drone Program
- STAR Aviation Unit
- Crime Scene Investigations
- SWAT

### REGISTRATION

Registration packets can be picked up from the Sheriff's Office Front Window or downloaded from our website, [www.spaldingsheriff.org](http://www.spaldingsheriff.org). Completed applications can be returned in person or by e-mail to:

[wstinchcomb@spaldingcounty.com](mailto:wstinchcomb@spaldingcounty.com)

All forms in the packet must be filled out completely and signed before the application can be processed. Once processed, you will be notified by e-mail of your class status.

Completed packets must be returned no later than 5:00 pm on July 27, 2026. Applicants must be 18 years or older and there is no cost to attend. Class size is limited to 30 students.



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