

# SAFETY

## Taught by Officer Tara Hardin

### **Week 1: TBA**

### **Week 2:** *Street Smart: Personal Safety Tips for Everyday Life*

#### **Description:**

Whether you're running errands, walking the dog, or traveling to unfamiliar places, personal safety starts with awareness and preparation. In this class, you'll learn practical, easy-to-use strategies to help you stay alert, confident, and in control when you're out and about. We'll cover situational awareness, purse and wallet safety, trusting your instincts, and using simple tools to deter threats. Leave with the confidence and skills to move through your day safely — without living in fear.

### **Week 3:** *Click with Caution: Staying Safe While Shopping Online*

#### **Description:**

Online shopping is fast, easy, and convenient — but it can also be a playground for scammers. This class will teach you how to spot fake websites, recognize phishing attempts, protect your personal and financial information, and use secure payment methods. You'll also learn how to identify red flags in product listings and seller profiles, and what to do if something goes wrong with a purchase. Shop smarter, safer, and with confidence — no matter where you click.

### **Week 4:** *Scams in the Modern World: Trends, Tactics, and the Rise of AI*

#### **Description:**

From phone calls and text messages to fake websites and social media schemes, scams are constantly evolving — and artificial intelligence is giving criminals powerful new tools. This class provides a clear overview of today's most common scam trends, how they work, and who they target. We'll also explore how AI is being used to make scams more believable, from voice cloning to deepfake videos, and share practical strategies to recognize and avoid becoming a victim.