

Selection Procedure & Participant Requirements

Citizen Police Academy participants are selected by staff of the Chief of Police through an application process. Applications are available from the Community Action & Awareness Bureau. Enrollment is limited to approximately twenty-five students per Academy class.

Potential candidates for the Citizen Police Academy must meet the following criteria:

- Minimum age of 16 years
- Live or work in the Concord area
- No felony convictions
- No misdemeanor convictions within one year of application

Any requirement may be waived or modified upon review and approval of the Chief of Police.

The Concord Police Department offers a Spring and Fall session of the Citizen Police Academy. Classes meet Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Concord Police Headquarters.

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About the Citizen Academy...

The Academy provides community members with an inside look at local law enforcement. During the Academy, students will be introduced to a variety of topics as described under the curriculum outline.

The thirteen-week Academy is designed to give citizens an overview of the police department's function and operational procedures. The curriculum and teaching methods are similar to the traditional Police Academy, however, the weekly sessions are not designed to train the participant as a police officer.

Academy classes are taught by police executives and veteran police officers. Participants will have the opportunity to meet with the Chief of Police and staff members. They are encouraged to ask questions and express ideas and concerns to police employees.

Applications for the Citizen Academy may be submitted at any time.

For additional information about the Citizen Police Academy, please call (925) 671-3220.

Citizen Academy Curriculum

Weeks 1 & 2

- Chief of Police - Introduction
Community Policing
- Criminal Justice System
- Laws of Arrest
- Legal Issues

Weeks 7 & 8

- Use of Force Issues
- Communications - 911
- Youth Crimes
- K-9

Weeks 3 & 4

- Narcotics Enforcement
- Reserves and Volunteers
- Patrol Procedures
- Traffic Investigations

Weeks 9 & 10

- Firearms Simulation
- Use of Deadly Force
- SWAT Operations
- Hostage Negotiations

Weeks 5 & 6

- Criminal Investigations
- Police Facility Tour
- Police Vehicle Operations
- Pursuit Driving Exercise

Weeks 11, 12 & 13

- Gang Investigations
- Crime Scene Investigations
- Practical Scenarios
- Graduation