

WHAT IS A CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY?

The Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) has been established to promote an understanding of the Commerce Police Department and its policies and procedures. Police work is filled with many variables that require professional solutions. The goal is to address perceived suspicions and misconceptions by establishing mutual trust and cooperation between the police and the citizens of Commerce. The Citizen's Police Academy presents an opportunity to promote civic awareness.

Classroom presentations, lectures and "hands-on" experience offer participants valuable insight into the day-to-day operations of the Commerce Police Department.

Department employees receive direct feedback from members of each class. This two-way communication between police officers and the community further the efforts to improve the quality of life for residential and business communities

CLASS TOPICS

PATROL
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS
CRIME SCENES
BUILDING SEARCHES
FIREARMS
CRIMINAL LAW
CRIME PREVENTION
JUVENILE LAW
TRAFFIC LAW AND PROCEDURES
SPECIAL OPERATIONS
JAIL PROCEDURES / TOURS
DWI
COMMUNICAITONS

PROMOTING COMMUNITY AWARENESS THROUGH CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Experienced police officers provide briefings, demonstrations and engage in discussions about police operations with class participants.

Each week different areas of law enforcement are covered. This allows citizens to acquire a working knowledge of the activities that the Commerce Police Officers perform.

Class members have the opportunity for guided tours of police headquarters and communications. Participants are also given the opportunity to take part in "hands-on" training similar to those required for the training of new recruits.

The "ride-out on patrol" program allows students an insight into a "day in the life of a Commerce Police Officer".

COURSE OBJECTIVE

The Citizen's Police Academy is designed to build a bond of mutual trust and respect between the police department and the community. Additionally, the academy highlights the importance of citizen participation in public safety so that the community may remain free from the fear of crime.

CLASS SCHEDULE AND ELIGIBILITY

Classes are held once a year and meet every Thursday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (the day and time subject to change to allow for holidays, etc.). The duration of the course is approximately 10 weeks and will start on June 5, 2014. The classes are limited in size. Citizens that successfully complete the Academy receive a Certificate of Completion and are eligible to join the Commerce Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association (CCPAAA). Members of (CCPAAA) donate their valued time and effort in support of community and civic activities.

ELIGIBILITY

Class members must be 18 years of age, in a good standing in the community, pass a background investigation and either reside or work in the Commerce area.

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APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH ____/____/____
FIRST MI. LAST

HOME ADDRESS: _____ DRIVER'S LIC # _____

CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ RACE: _____ GENDER: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL# _____ WORK# _____

PRESENT EMPLOYER: _____

EMPLOYER ADDRESS: _____

PERSONAL EMAIL: _____ WORK EMAIL: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ **PHONE #** _____

PERSONAL REFERENCES:

NAME: _____ NAME: _____
FIRST MI. LAST FIRST MI. LAST

ADDRESS: _____ ADDRESS: _____

CITY, ST ZIP CODE

CITY, STATE ZIP CODE

CELL # _____ CELL# _____

WORK # _____ WORK# _____

A background check for prior arrest or criminal offences will be conducted prior to being accepted to attend. A prior conviction will not automatically disqualify an applicant. Each applicant's situation will be considered as it relates to the academy.

The Commerce Police Department is hereby authorized to make any investigation of my personal history deemed necessary for consideration to enter the Commerce Citizen's Police Academy.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

Applicants will be notified by mail advising them of their acceptance into the academy.

**COMMERCE POLICE DEPARTMENT
 CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY**



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