

AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

EST. JANUARY 1987



**85 COMPLETED SESSIONS
2,188 GRADUATES**



“UNDERSTANDING THROUGH EDUCATION”

The Citizen Police Academy was established in January 1987.

The Citizen Police Academy is a fourteen-week program designed to give the public a working knowledge of the Austin Police Department. Each session consists of weekly classes that meet at Austin Police Headquarters. The instruction is comprehensive; each week different units within the department are covered.

As of December 2015, 2,188 citizens have graduated from 85 classes. Two concurrent classes (86th & 87th) will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Two Concurrent Classes are hosted two times a year at APD Headquarters, 715 E 8th Street.

- Class 86 is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 – Tuesday, May 17, 2016
Evening classes are from 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Graduation is Thursday, May 19, 2016.
- Class 87 is scheduled to begin on Thursday, February 11, 2016 – Wednesday, May 18, 2016.
Evening classes are from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Graduation is Thursday, May 19, 2015.
- Class will not take place on the following dates:
 - Spring Break: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 (NO CLASS for 86th) and Thursday, March 17, 2016 (NO CLASS for 87th)

Curriculum

- **Meet the Chief**
- **Recruiting**
- **APD Cadet Training**
- **Internal Affairs**
- **District Representatives**
- **Emergency Communications**
- **Response to Resistance**
- **Crisis Intervention**
- **Critical Incidents**
- **Forensics**
- **Organize Crime Division**
- **Human Trafficking**
- **Bomb Squad**
- **K-9**
- **S.W.A.T**
- **Air Operations**
- **Burglary**
- **Robbery**
- **Homicide**
- **Cold Case**
- **ARIC/INTEL**
- **Highway Enforcement/DWI**
- **Mounted Patrol/Animal Cruelty**
- **Lake Patrol**

The slogan of the Citizen Police Academy is, “*Understanding through Education.*” The goal is to educate the public about the Austin Police Department and to increase the rapport between citizens and police officers.

We hope the graduates of the Citizen Police Academy become more aware and better informed about how the Police Department operates, and will encourage friends, coworkers and families to join the Austin Police Department in this rewarding program.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of conducting a Citizen Police Academy?

To give the public information on how the Police Department works and its policies and procedures, through a series of classes involving instruction by police officers.

Where did the concept originate?

The program originated in Orlando, Florida in 1984. Orlando was the first city in the United States to start a Citizen Police Academy.

What was the Austin Police Department's incentive for starting a Citizen Police Academy?

We feel the more information the public has about the police department, less fears and misconceptions will exist.

When does the class meet?

There are two Citizen Police Academy sessions per year. Students meet at Austin Police Department facilities. There will be a total of approximately Fifty Two (52) hours of instruction by police officers. All classes are free.

Who attends the Citizen Police Academy?

Students range from 18 years of age and above. We have architects, bankers, homemakers, students, retirees, teachers, neighborhood groups and professionals attending the classes.

How do you apply?

You must be at least 18 years old and live or work in the Austin area. Complete the Citizen Police Academy application and mail it to the address below. If you have any questions or need more information, call SPO Surei Scanlon, at (512) 974-9204.

When are classes?

Class 86, Spring Class of 2016:

- Tuesday Evening classes scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2016 – Tuesday, May 17, 2016
- 5:30-9:30 p.m.
- Deadline to enroll for Class 86 is Friday, December 11, 2015

Class 87, Spring Class of 2016:

- Thursday Evening classes scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2016 – Wednesday, May 18, 2016
- 5:30-9:30 p.m.
- Deadline to enroll for Class 87 is Friday, December 11, 2015

*****Graduation for both classes – Thursday, May 19, 2016*****

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