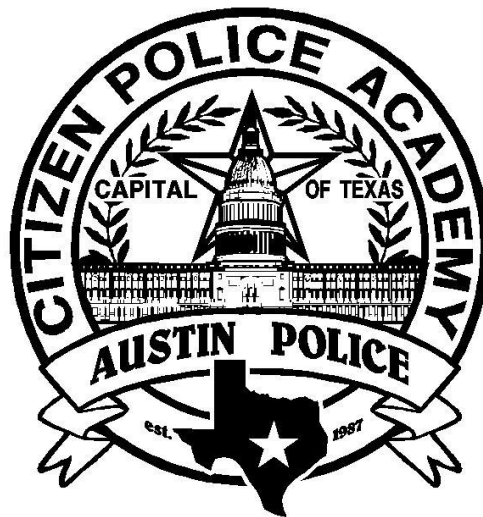


AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

EST. JANUARY 1987



101 COMPLETED SESSIONS
2,716 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 2019, 2,716 citizens have graduated from 101 classes. Classes are hosted two times a year at the APD Headquarters, 715 E 8th Street.

Curriculum

- **Meet the Chief**
- **Perspectives of Racial Profiling**
- **Recruiting**
- **APD Cadet Training**
- **Internal Affairs**
- **Special Investigative Unit**
- **District Representatives**
- **Emergency Communications/PIO**
- **Response to Resistance**
- **Crisis Intervention**
- **Critical Incidents**
- **Family Violence**
- **Sex Crimes**
- **Gang Unit**
- **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**
- **APD Explorers/PAL**

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 six (56) 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 many other 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 email it. If you have any questions or need more information, call SPO Surei Scanlon, at (512) 974-9204.**

When are classes?

- **The Citizens Police Academy is offered two times a year at APD Headquarters 715 E. 8th St. Classes are either Tuesday from 5:30 – 9:30 p.m. or Thursday from 5:30 – 9:30 p.m. Graduation day will be the same for both classes.**

Schedule changes due to Holidays and more during CPA:

- **NO CPA the week of Thanksgiving or Spring Break.**

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