

AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

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**80 COMPLETED SESSIONS
2007 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 and each week separate areas of the department are covered.

As of May 2014, there have been 2007 citizens graduated from 80 classes. Classes are hosted two times a year at APD Headquarters. **The 81st Class is currently in session.**

- **Class 82 is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, February 10, 2015.** Evening classes scheduled from February 10 – May 19, 2015 from 5:30 p.m.- 9:30p.m. Graduation is May 21, 2015.

Deadline to enroll is January 9, 2015

Cadet Training, Bomb Squad, Robbery, Homicide, Use of Force, Internal Affairs, Vehicular Homicide, S.W.A.T., Forensics, Recruiting and meeting the Chief are examples of some of the topics that are covered. Instruction consists of lectures, demonstrations, tours, and riding with a police officer on a ten-hour shift.

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?

The Citizens Police Academy is offered two times a year at APD Headquarters. You can choose from the following:

- **Class 82, Spring Class of 2015**
- **Tuesday** Evening classes scheduled for February 10, 2015 – May 19, 2015
- **5:30-9:30 p.m.**
- **Deadline to enroll for Class 82 is January 9, 2015**

Mailing Address:

SPO Surei Scanlon
Citizen Police Academy
P.O. Box 689001
Austin, Texas 78768-9001

Citizen Police Academy

Application for Enrollment

Please Write Legibly

- o Tuesday evening classes: February 10, 2015 – May 19, 2015
- o 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.
- o Deadline to enroll for Class 82 is January 9, 2015

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email Address: _____

Drivers License #: _____ State: _____

Home/Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

Community Group Affiliation (if any): _____

Why do you wish to attend the Citizen Police Academy? _____

How did you hear about the Citizen Police Academy? _____

List two references:

1. _____ Phone Number: _____

2. _____ Phone Number: _____

I authorize the Austin Police Department to conduct a background investigation to obtain any information relating to my criminal history record for the purpose of making a determination of eligibility for the Citizen Police Academy. I also understand I can only take this program one time and if I decide to volunteer, I can be removed from ALL activities if removed from one.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please mail completed form to:

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Or Email form to:

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