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# Citizen's Police Academy

*Understanding through Education*

The purpose of the Citizens Police Academy is to inform citizens who are involved in their respective communities on how officers are trained, and equally important, why they are trained that way.
We have all seen how potentially dangerous misperceptions about the police can result in tragedy. These community leaders learn how, through exhaustive training, the officers are taught to protect themselves and the citizens they encounter as they perform their job. By understanding and sharing with their community the "how" and the "why," citizens are better able to support the police officers out there to serve and protect them.

Course Topics (Ten Weeks)

- Community Engagement
- Procedural Justice and Police Legitimacy
- Office of Emergency Management and Communications
- Bureau of Organized Crime
- Bureau of Organizational Development
- Bureau of Technical Services
- Bureau of Internal Affairs
- Bureau of Detectives
- Bureau of Patrol

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There are two sessions a year:
Spring Session: April - June
Fall Session: September - November
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