Citizen Police Academy

What is a Citizen Police Academy?

The Citizen Police Academy is an extension of the Department's community education efforts. The purpose of the academy is to increase citizen awareness of the day to day operation of the police department by educating them on topics relative to the role of the police officer in our community.

The academy is not intended to make citizens into police officers, but to allow citizens to learn more about police operations. Citizens will become informed as to the actual role of the police and in return, police will benefit from the wealth of knowledge the citizens can give about their community.

The Citizen Police Academy is our opportunity to show how serious our commitment is to our community. It is our hope that the graduates of the Citizen Police Academy take their knowledge into the community, educate others when the opportunity arises and make decisions which affect the city and the police department with heightened awareness and better information.

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What will I learn?

Instruction at the academy is done by police officers and certified police instructors. The curriculum and teaching methods are similar to the traditional police academy, however, the sessions are not designed to train the academy participant as a police officer.

Students are instructed on such topics as:

· Criminal Law/Patrol Procedures
· Officer Safety/Self Defense
· Criminal Justice System
· Drug Investigation
· Traffic Stops
· Building Searches
· Criminal Investigation
· Domestic Violence

Application for the Academy:

The Academy generaly runs once a year beginning in September and ending in November. Classes run every other Tuesday evening from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older. First consideration is given to citizens who either live or work in the Delaware area. All applicants are subject to a background check. Participants must be able to attend at least nine of the eleven classes.

Please Email Sergeant Needham with your completed application.
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Delaware Citizen Police Academy Alumni

Upon successful completion of the Citizen Police Academy, graduates have the opportunity to join the Delaware Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (DCPAAA). The association is a 501(c)(3) organization and is committee based, consisting of a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. DCPAAA members log more than 1000 volunteer hours each year assisting the police department with community events and other duties.
The association typically meets on the first Wednesday of every month. During the monthly meetings, topics for discussion are comprised of association business, past meetings, volunteering events, and anything for the good of the association.

FAQ

Who can participate?
First consideration is given to citizens who either live or work in the Delaware area. Criminal record and driving status is checked on each applicant. The Delaware Police Department reserves the right to deny acceptance to persons with a criminal history.

What is the cost?
Free! The only cost to participants is your time. Participants are required to attend at least nine of the eleven classes to be eligible for graduation.

Where are the classes?

The Police Academy will be held at the Delaware Police Department, located at 70 N. Union St. in downtown Delaware.

I have more questions. Who can I contact?

Sgt. John Needham will take your application and answer any questions you have. You can email him at jneedham@delawareohio.net.