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## What is the Citizen Police Academy?

The Citizen Police Academy is an extension of the Division's community education efforts. The purpose of the academy is to increase citizen awareness of the day-to-day operation of the Police Division 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, the 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 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 Police Division with heightened awareness and better information. Additionally, graduates become extra eyes and ears to observe and report crimes or suspicious activities throughout our area.

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## What will I learn?

All instruction for the Academy is done by veteran police officers and certified police instructors. The curriculum and teaching methods are similar to the traditional Police Academy; however, the weekly sessions are not designed to train the participant as a police officer.

Students are instructed on such topics as:

- , Criminal Law/Search & Seizure
- , Drug Investigation
- , Traffic Law - Enforcement & Investigations
- , Laws of Arrest
- , Criminal Justice System
- , Patrol Operations
- , Juvenile Law
- , Crime Prevention
- , Community Action & Youth Services
- , Use of Force
- , Property Crimes
- , Traffic Stop Simulation
- , 4 hours Officer ride-a-long
- , Firearms Simulation Training

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## Who can participate?:

Citizens who live or work in the city of Westerville will be given first preference. However, we also encourage citizens who do not fall within the above categories and have an interest in law enforcement, to apply.

A criminal record and driving status is checked on each applicant. The Westerville Division of Police reserves the right to deny acceptance to persons with a criminal history.

## Cost?:

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

## Where?:

The Citizen Police Academy is held at the Division of Police Headquarters, training room, located at 29 South State Street in Westerville, Ohio 43081.

## When?:

Classes are offered one night a week from 6:30 - 10:00 p.m. for twelve consecutive weeks. Call the Crime Prevention Office, #901-6860 for the dates of next available class.

## How?:

If interested in applying, fill out the attached pre-application and return to the listed address.

## Pre-Application for Citizen Police Academy

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Male: \_\_\_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Applicants must be 21 years of age or older and either live or work in the Westerville area. All applicants will be subjected to a background check. Participants must be able to attend at least 9 out of the 12 classes in order to successfully complete the course. Applicants will be notified by mail of their acceptance.

***Please return this completed application to:***

Westerville Division of Police  
Crime Prevention Office  
29 S. State Street  
Westerville, Ohio 43081  
**or Fax: (614) 901-6453**

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