

AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

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**87 COMPLETED SESSIONS
2,258 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 May 2016, 2,258 citizens have graduated from 87 classes. Classes are hosted two times a year at APD Headquarters, 715 E 8th Street.

Curriculum

- **Meet the Chief**
- **Recruiting**
- **APD Cadet Training**
- **Internal Affairs**
- **District Representatives**
- **Emergency Communications**
- **Response to Resistance**
- **Crisis Intervention**
- **Critical Incidents**
- **Family Violence**
- **Organize Crime Division**
- **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**
- **Lake Patrol**

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 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 715 E. 8th St. You can choose from the following:

Class 88, Fall Class of 2016

- Tuesday Evening classes scheduled for Tuesday, September 6, 2016 – Tuesday, December 13, 2016
- 5:30-9:30 p.m.
- **Deadline to enroll for Class 88 is Friday, July 15, 2016 **The class only has 50 spots available, first come, first served. When the first 50 applications are filled, the application will be closed for its respective class.****

Class 89, Fall Class of 2016

- Thursday Evening classes scheduled for Thursday, September 8, 2016 – Wednesday, December 14, 2016
- 5:30-9:30 p.m.
- **Deadline to enroll for Class 89 is Friday, July 15, 2016 **The class only has 50 spots available, first come, first served. When the first 50 applications are filled, the application will be closed for its respective class.****

Schedule changes due to Holidays during CPA:

- Class 88 on Monday, October 3, 2016 (due to National Night Out on Tues. Oct. 4, 2016)
- Class 88 on Monday, November 7, 2016 (due to Presidential Election Day, Tues., Nov. 8, 2016)
- Thanksgiving week (**NO CLASS**) November 24, 2016

*****Graduation for both classes – Thursday December 15, 2016*****

To fill out the application, click on the application link on the [CPA website](#), save the document to your computer, fill it out, save it and email it to the following:

Email Address: APDCPA@austintexas.gov

****NOTE: You must identify which class you are applying for when sending in your application****