

AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

EST. JANUARY 1987



95 COMPLETED SESSIONS
2,523 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 2018, 2,523 citizens have graduated from 95 classes. Classes are hosted two times a year at the APD Headquarters, 715 E 8th Street.

Curriculum

- **Meet the Chief**
- **Perspectives of Racial Profiling**
- **Recruiting**
- **APD Cadet Training**
- **Internal Affairs**
- **Special Investigative Unit**
- **District Representatives**
- **Emergency Communications/PIO**
- **Response to Resistance**
- **Crisis Intervention**
- **Critical Incidents**
- **Family Violence**
- **Sex Crimes**
- **Gang Unit**
- **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**
- **APD Explorers/PAL**

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 many other 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 email it. 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.**

SEE CLASS SCHEDULE BELOW



You can choose one of the two classes offered below:

Class 96, Fall Class of 2018

- Tuesday evening classes scheduled from Tuesday, September 4, 2018 – Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 5:30-9:30 p.m.
- Graduation for both classes is Thursday, December 13, 2018
- Deadline to enroll for Class 96 is Friday, June 29, 2018 at 5 p.m. **This 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 97, Fall Class of 2018

- Thursday evening classes scheduled for Thursday, September 6, 2018 – Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.
 - Graduation for both classes is Thursday, December 13, 2018
- Deadline to enroll for Class 97 is Friday, June 29, 2018 at 5 p.m. **This 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 and more during CPA:

Class 96

96th CPA Class will be held Monday, October 1, 2018, instead of Tuesday, October 2, 2018 due to the NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

96th CPA class will be held Monday, November 5, 2018, instead of Tuesday, November 6, 2018 due to Election Day

NO CPA the week of Thanksgiving November 20 and 22, 2018

Class 97

97th CPA class will be held on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 instead of Thursday, December 13, 2018

*****Graduation for both classes – Thursday, December 13, 2018*****

Graduation Attendance is an important part of the participation of the APD Citizen Police Academy. Participants are only allowed two absences during the session of CPA. Please plan on the Graduation ceremony at the end of the session.

HOW TO APPLY:

- Visit [CPA website](#) and click Apply Here
- Select Save-as and save the two-page document to your computer
- Next, click open, click view, select edit document
- **COMPLETELY fill out the two-page, required document – Incomplete applications will not be considered**
- Save the changes to the document (click file, save)
- Attach the saved document to an email and send to APDCPA@austintexas.gov
- **If you're using a Mac, you may not be able to edit one or more parts of the online form. Please include that information in your email if you have trouble**