



# Austin Police Department Citizen Police Academy

***A comprehensive program designed to give the public a working knowledge of the Austin Police Department.***

## **Goal**

To educate the public about the Austin Police Department and to increase the rapport between citizens and police officers.

## **History**

- CPA was established in January 1987
- Graduated 2,398 citizens from 91 classes
- Several CPA graduates have gone on to become Austin Police Officers

## **Curriculum**

- Meet the Chief
- Perspectives of Racial Profiling
- Recruiting
- APD Cadet Training
- Internal Affairs
- District Representatives
- Emergency Communications
- Response to Resistance
- Crisis Intervention
- Critical Incidents
- Family Violence
- Sex Crimes
- 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

## **Qualifications**

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must live or work in the Austin area
- Must pass a criminal background check

## **Additional Information About CPA**

- CPA is a FREE program that is offered twice a year/each session 14 weeks long
- Classes meet each Tuesday or Thursday evening at APD Headquarters
- There will be 56 hours of instruction by police officers

*“Understanding  
Through  
Education”*

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