

ABOUT THE CITIZEN ACADEMY

The Citizen Academy provides Winchester citizens with an inside look at local law enforcement operations and challenges. The purpose of the Citizen Academy is to develop positive relations between the police and community through education. Our goal is to create a core of responsible, well-informed citizens who have the potential to influence public opinion and dispel untruths about police practices and services.

Participants in each session commit to meet for three hours one evening per week, for ten weeks, to learn about various aspects of the department. Most of the instructors will be officers and personnel from within the department, who speak on their area of expertise. Though the curriculum and teaching methods are similar to the traditional Police Academy, the Citizen Academy is not designed to train participants as police officers or vigilantes. After the academy, they are eligible to apply to become a member of the Volunteers in Policing "VIPs" to serve the police department and our community.

Citizen Academy participants come to class from a variety of backgrounds, with a variety of philosophies about police officers. Participants are encouraged to ask questions, express ideas, and offer suggestions. Class size is limited to thirty participants.

CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY REGULATIONS

1. The Citizen Police Academy shall not interfere with the routine operations of the Police Department.
2. Participants are required to dress in proper attire (slacks and dress shirt, blouse, etc.)
3. During a ride along with an officer, no interference with the performance of any officer shall be permitted.
4. Participants who are asked to identify themselves should explain that they are Citizen Academy participants.
5. Use of tobacco products is prohibited in the Public Safety Building and police vehicles.
6. Please turn cell phones/pager off or to vibrate.
7. Citizen Academy participants may not carry firearms while attending the Citizen Police Academy.
8. A criminal records check will be conducted on all applicants prior to admission to the academy. A criminal history may disqualify an applicant from participation.

WINCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Fall 2022
Citizen Police Academy
XXIII

September 1, 2022 -
October 29, 2022



Call 540-545-4730 ext. 1092 or email frank.myrtle@winchesterva.gov for more information

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Citizen Academy Curriculum

APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

DOB: _____

Sex: _____ Height: _____ Eyes: _____

Hair: _____ Driver license #: _____

Have you ever been arrested/convicted of a crime?
If so, explain. _____

Do you need special accommodations due to a disability? If so, explain. _____

In consideration of the Winchester Police Department granting permission to enter in or upon any premises which are under actual care or passive control, I hereby waive all claims to damage or loss to my person or property which may be caused by any act or failure to act of the Winchester Police Department, its officers, agents or employees. I assume the risk of all dangerous conditions in or upon the premises or vehicles, and waive any and all notice of existence of such conditions. I certify that I understand the requirements and responsibilities of participants in this program.

Signature _____

Date _____

Week 1 and 2

- Welcome/Introduction
- Administrative Address
- Department History
- Community Policing
- Criminal Investigations
- Patrol Division
- Tour of Police Department
- Officer Requirements/Testing
- Dispatch/E-911 Communications
- Police Training/Field Training

Week 7 and 8

- Tour of Adult Detention Center
- Tour of Juvenile Detention Center
- Domestic Violence / Sexual Assault
- Volunteers in Policing
- Dealing with mental issues
- Radar Operations

Week 3 and 4

- Patrol Functions
- Defensive Tactics
- Vehicle Stops/DUI Demo
- Officer Recruiting
- Police Field Training
- Juvenile Offenders/School Resource
- Accident Investigation

Week 9

- Officer Survival/SWAT
- Firearms Demo
- Fingerprinting
- Crime Scene Processing
- Polygraph Machine

Week 5 and 6

- Gang Activity
- Narcotics and Drugs/K-9 Demo
- Laws of Arrest/Search and Seizure
- Criminal Law/Court Procedures
- Victim Witness Program

Week 10

- Graduation and Dinner

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