

The Princeton Police Department will be hosting its first class of the Princeton Police Department Citizens Police Academy. The program is designed with the hopes of improving the relationship between the police department and the citizens of Princeton. The goal of the Citizen Academy is to improve the quality of service to the community and offer the citizens some insight on the challenges their officers face on a daily basis.

Classes will be held each Wednesday night from 7PM to 10PM, beginning May 27, 2015. Applications for the academy can be picked up at the police department, located at 306 North Main Street. Applications must be filled out completely and turned into the police department no later than May 13, 2015. Students in the academy will also be required to ride with a Princeton Police Officer for a minimum of four (4) hours.

Due to limited space, a maximum of 12 students will be accepted per academy class. If there are more approved applicants than available space, those applicants will be the first eligible for the following academy class.

Requirements for making application to the academy are set to maintain the quality and integrity of the program. Basic requirements for acceptance into the program include:

- Must be a ***minimum*** age of 21
- Must be a resident or business owner of a local business in Princeton
- Must not have any convictions for assault, weapons, or narcotics, and
- Must not have any felony convictions within the past 15 years.

Anyone meeting these minimum criteria is welcome and encouraged to apply for the program. Upon receipt of an application, a thorough background check will be completed of the applicant's driver's license, criminal history, and for warrants, due to the sensitive nature of police work. Upon successful approval of an application, an invitation will be extended to attend the academy.

The cost of the Citizen Police Academy will be \$20. This cost will cover each student's Polo shirt, course materials, food and drink. The fee needs to be paid to the Princeton Police Department once the student's application is accepted.

Upon successful completion, each graduate will receive a certificate documenting their success. Alumni of the Princeton Police Departments Citizens Police Academy will be extended the opportunity to apply for the Princeton Police Department Citizen on Patrol Program.

Please make sure upon making application to the academy that you can commit to the scheduled class times. In order to successfully complete the course, a student must complete a minimum of 34 of the 40 hours of required course hours.

If you have any questions, please contact program coordinator, Officer Courtney Raney at (972) 736-3901 or by email, [CRaney@princetonpd.com](mailto:CRaney@princetonpd.com).

We look forward to hearing from you.