

Who May Attend the Academy?

Citizen's Police Academy students must meet the following criteria:

- 18 years of age or older
- Live, work, or volunteer in the City of St. Petersburg
- Pass a background check
- Have no prior felony convictions

Citizens involved with the community in some way, such as youth involvement, neighborhood watch, and civic groups, as well as family members of police officers, are very important to the academy and are encouraged to attend.

How do I apply to the Academy?

The class application process starts approximately one month prior to the Spring (April) and Fall (September) sessions.

Our on-line application may be filled out and e-mailed to us.

Apply by phone by calling (727) 893-7128.

Application for the academy can also be picked up at:

St. Petersburg Police Department
Community Awareness Division
1301 First Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33705
(727) 893-7128



Citizen's Police Academy

There is no charge for this fun and informative class.

Class size is limited so apply early to reserve your space in class.

For more information about the academy please visit our web site at:

police.stpete.org

or contact the

Community Awareness Division

(727) 893-7128



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**St. Petersburg
Police Department**

St. Petersburg Police Department's Citizen's Police Academy

What is the Citizen's Police Academy?

The purpose of the Citizen's Police Academy is to foster better communication between citizens and police through education. We have found that education is the most effective tool to gain understanding and support from the community.

The academy offers insights into how the police department serves the community. It shows how police officers perform their duties and provides an explanation of how we respond to different situations.

The academy creates well-informed citizens who possess a greater insight into police practices and services.

Graduates of the academy are encouraged to share their knowledge and experiences with their community.

Everyone benefits from enhancing our resident's understanding of the role and function of their police department.



Course Description

The academy is held twice a year, in the Spring and Fall. It consists of an eight-week course which meets once a week, from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM.

The instruction is comprehensive, covering a different area of the police department each week.

Certified police officers, supervisors, and civilian instructors will teach each topic. Attendees will also have the opportunity, on a voluntary basis, to "Ride-a-Long" with a patrol officer during their shift, after successful completion of this course.

This fun and interesting course will not certify you to work as a police officer but it will give you greater insight into police practices and services.

Classes are held at the St. Petersburg Police Department and off-site locations.

Some of the Topics Covered

- **Radio Communications**
- **SWAT Team**
- **Traffic Enforcement/DUI**
- **Forensics/Crime Scene Investigations**
- **Active Shooter**
- **Use of Force: Firearms, Taser, Pepper Spray**
- **K-9**
- **Homicide Investigations**

