

Citizens' Police Academy 2011



Thank you for your interest in the Citizens' Police Academy. The below information should assist you in deciding if you would like to participate.

The purpose of the Citizens' Police Academy is to develop citizen awareness and understanding of the role of law enforcement in our community and an opportunity for law enforcement to hear from you.

The academy will start **March 7, 2012** and is ten weeks long with classes being held every Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. ending on May 9, 2012. The class size is limited to the first 35 applicants admitted. Prior attendees will be admitted after all new applicants are processed (*if class space is available*).

Those eligible to attend must be at least 21 years of age and work or live in the Cowlitz County area. Applicants can have no felony or domestic violence convictions. Misdemeanor arrests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Applicants must pass a background check conducted by law enforcement.

Courses include: patrol function, K-9 programs, property crimes, gang enforcement, narcotics investigation, crime prevention, firearms, court process, DUI investigations, traffic law, investigations and defensive tactics.

The use of firearms and firearm safety may also be offered. Those interested in the hands-on portion of the training can participate in live firing at the police range, but are not required to do so. Participants are encouraged to ride with a patrol officer from one of the agencies for a minimum four-hour period. Participants are required to attend all classes; however, the Academy Staff may grant excused absences on a case-by-case basis.

Our commitment is to provide the best possible instruction for each topic. Instructors will include members of the Longview Police, Kelso Police and the Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office, as well as other members of the local criminal justice community.

Please return your completed application by **February 24th, 2012**, to the Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office, Kelso Police Department, or the Longview Police Department.

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