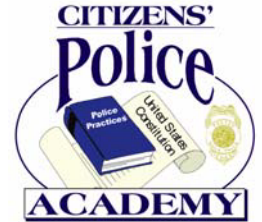




Sioux Falls Police Department Citizens' Police Academy



What is it?

The Citizens' Academy is an eight-week program designed to provide Sioux Falls residents first-hand information about how their Police Department works. It is an educational and informative program that allows citizens the opportunity to learn about the issues that impact law enforcement efforts in the City of Sioux Falls.

Participation in the Academy requires a commitment of one night a week for the eight-week period. Classes are held on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The classes are held at the Sioux Falls Law Enforcement Center Training Room, 320 West Fourth Street.

What is the purpose of the Academy?

The Academy is designed to increase understanding between citizens and the police through education. One of the goals of the Citizens' Police Academy is to acquaint citizens with law enforcement's role in the criminal justice system and help the residents of Sioux Falls to better understand how the police work in their community.

Community-oriented policing plays an important role in reducing crime in any community. The Citizens' Academy was instituted to improve the communication between citizens and police and allows us to obtain citizen input and support throughout the city. This increased understanding and communication will allow us to work as a community in identifying problems and finding solutions to issues that are impacting our city.

Who teaches the Academy sessions?

The instructors who teach the Academy classes are officers and personnel from the Police Department. The instructors teach in their own area of expertise in which they have had years of training and experience in. These officers are able to bring "street" experience into the classroom.

What subjects are included?

The Citizens' Police Academy will include detailed information on such topics as patrol, special operations, criminal investigations, and community policing efforts. There will be demonstrations by the S.W.A.T. and K-9 units as well as bomb squad equipment and drug displays.

In one session, members will be given an overview of the department's firearm policy, familiarization of the firearm, and an opportunity to shoot the firearm at our shooting range.

Members will also have the opportunity to do a ride-along with a patrol officer on one of the patrol shifts. This will allow the members to see first hand what officers respond to on any given day.

Applications may be mailed or delivered to:

**Sioux Falls Police Department
Community Services Division
320 West Fourth Street
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57104
Phone: (605) 367-7229
Fax: (605) 367-7054**



Sioux Falls Police Citizens' Academy Application



Date of Academy: _____

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Employer: _____

Your Occupation: _____

Work Phone: _____

Business Address: _____

Driver's License Number: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Community groups/organizations affiliated with:

How did you hear about the Citizens' Academy?

Why do you want to attend?

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Please explain briefly. **(Applicants are subject to a background check.)**