

## Mission of the Skokie Police Department

The Skokie Village Code identifies the responsibility of the Skokie Police Department as the protection of life and property, the protection of rights of person, the enforcement of ordinances and regulations, and the preservation of peace, order, and safety.

Using the Village Code as a mandate for service, the departmental responsibilities or mission statement of the Skokie Police Department are identified as:

- ¥ To prevent and repress crime;
- ¥ To detect criminal activity and to apprehend offenders;
- ¥ To protect life and property;
- ¥ To facilitate the safe movement of people and vehicles;
- ¥ To assist those in danger, those who cannot care for themselves and those in need of assistance;
- ¥ To protect individual constitutional rights;
- ¥ To resolve conflict threatening to life and property;
- ¥ To create and maintain a feeling of security in the community.

The Village of Skokie Police Department's philosophy of community-oriented policing is designed to help build a partnership with our citizens. The partnership will work to find solutions to identified issues in our neighborhoods, on our streets, and in our industrial and commercial areas.

For more information on Police Department programs and services please visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).

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The Skokie Police Department



Village of Skokie

Police Department

Laramie at Main Street, Skokie, Illinois 60077

Emergency: [Fire, Police, Medical] 911

Non Emergency: 847-982-5900

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*The Skokie Police Department has been fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) since November of 1988. Accreditation by CALEA is a process by which law enforcement agencies voluntarily seek to demonstrate their continued ability to meet internationally recognized standards. Re-accreditation occurs every 3 years.*

*The benefits to Skokie residents, businesses, and employees include controlled liability and insurance costs, administrative improvements, greater accountability, as well as increased governmental and community support for these agencies.*

*The Citizen Police Academy is a cost-free twelve week program designed to give the participants a working knowledge of the Skokie Police Department. It consists of a series of classes and discussions held once a week on a designated evening. The classes are three hours long and begin at 7:00 p.m. There are two sessions held each year.*

*The classes will provide an in depth view into various areas of law enforcement. It is an educational and informative program that allow citizens the opportunity to learn about the issues that affect law enforcement efforts within Skokie.*

*The Citizens Police Academy is yet another program that strengthens the relationship between the community and the Skokie Police Department. Community oriented policing is the best way to help reduce crime and increase citizen awareness within the community. Citizen involvement in community policing efforts makes law enforcement more effective.*

## **Goals**

Through an educational format, communication between citizens and police officers is enhanced. Our intent is to acquaint citizens with law enforcement's role in the criminal justice system, and to provide increased understanding of the tasks police officers face in their daily work.

When a sense of empathy is established, solutions to specific issues are more readily developed.

### **The Citizen Police Academy will:**

- Help the citizens to better understand how the police department operates;
- Help the graduates gain an understanding about the men and women who are protecting their community;
- Improve communication between the community and the police department;
- Obtain citizen input and support throughout the Village.

## **Benefits**

The entire community benefits when residents take a more active role in the protection of their community.

Graduates will be encouraged to join the Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association. Law enforcement education is presented to the alumni. Graduates are also encouraged to volunteer time at different events throughout the year.

## **Curriculum**

- *Canine Unit*
- *Criminal and Civil Law*
- *Crime Prevention*
- *Patrol Procedures*
- *Tactical Intervention Unit*
- *Project S.A.F.E.*
- *Juvenile Law*
- *Evidence*
- *Traffic Stops*
- *Telecommunications (911)*
- *Use of the Force*
- *Investigations*
- *Gangs and Drugs*
- *Scams and Cons*

## **How to Apply**

Individuals who apply for the Citizens Police Academy must meet the following requirements:

- *Live or work in the Village of Skokie;*
- *Be at least 18 years old;*
- *Subject to a criminal history background check.*

Those interested in applying or seeking information about the Citizen's Police Academy may contact the Skokie Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at 847-982-5919.