

CITIZENS' ACADEMY

Application

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Please describe why you want to attend this program.

Mail completed application to:

Citizens' Police Academy
Wheeling Police Department
255 W. Dundee Road
Wheeling, IL 60090

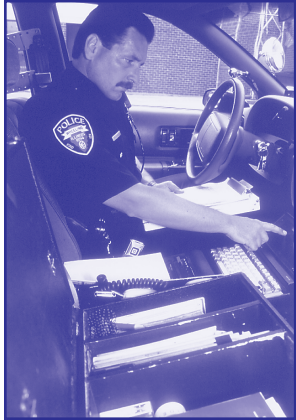


The Wheeling Police Department's philosophy of problem oriented policing is being designed to build a partnership with our citizens. This partnership is one in which the police and the people of the community work together to identify and solve problems. The partnership will work to find solutions to identified issues in our neighborhoods, on our streets and in industrial and commercial areas.

The logo is enclosed in a double-line border, with the outer line being red and the inner line being blue. At the top, the words "VILLAGE OF" are written in a small, blue, sans-serif font. Below this, there is a graphic element consisting of a small shield on the left containing the words "POLICE WHEELING ILLINOIS 1894" and a larger, stylized word "WHEELING" to its right. Below "WHEELING" is the text "Police Department" in a blue, cursive font.

Citizens' Police Academy

Citizens' Academy



What is a Citizens' Academy?

The Citizens' Academy is a ten-week program designed to provide Wheeling residents, in a classroom setting, first-hand information about how their police department works.

Participation in the Academy requires a commitment of one night a week for the ten week period. Classes are held one night a week from 7:00 to 9:30 P.M.

The instruction will take place in the Wheeling Police Department at 255 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling, Illinois.

What is the purpose of the Academy?

The Academy is designed to increase understanding between citizens and the police through education. Our intent is to acquaint citizens with law enforcement's role in the criminal justice system, and provide increased understanding of the tasks police officers face in their daily work.

With better understanding, it becomes easier for police and citizens to find realistic solutions to neighborhood problems.

Who teaches the Academy sessions?

The instructors are officers and personnel from the Department who teach in their own areas of expertise. Each has years of training and experience in the subject. The officers also bring street experience into the classroom.

What subjects are included?

The initial session will include an introduction, an orientation and a presentation on the history and organization of the Wheeling Police Department. In the weeks that follow, topics will include information on specific department units, including Patrol, Traffic, Crime Prevention, Canine Unit, Gangs, and Investigations. Law Enforcement issues that will be discussed will include domestic violence, child abuse, use of force, major crimes and community policing.

During the 10 weeks, there will also be demonstrations by the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) and Nitro, the Wheeling Police Canine.

Upon completion of the ten weeks, Academy members will ride in a patrol car for one shift to see first-hand what officers see and hear, and what they are trained to do under a variety of circumstances.

Throughout, participants are encouraged to ask questions and discuss topics with department personnel.

How are participants selected?

The department attempts to reflect the broadest possible range within our community; this includes young and old, men and women, and representatives of schools, business, and civic groups.

How to apply

Complete and send the accompanying application. You will be notified if you are selected for the next session. There is no fee for the Academy.



WHEELING POLICE DEPARTMENT

Citizens' Academy

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Application

please print

Name _____
Last First Middle

Address _____

Home Telephone _____

How long have you lived at present address? _____
Years Months

[If less than 5 years, provide previous address.]

Previous Address _____

Date of Birth _____

Social Security # _____

Driver's License # _____

Occupation _____

Employer's Name _____

Employer's Address _____

Work Telephone _____

Length of employment _____



All applicants must be residents of Wheeling and be at least 21 years of age.

A background check will be conducted on each applicant. The Wheeling Police Department reserves the right to deny entry to the Academy based on the findings of the background check.

I have read the program description for the Citizen's Police Academy and understand that this training will not authorize me to carry a firearm or exercise peace officer powers if I am allowed to participate.

Signature _____
of Applicant _____ Date _____

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