

# VILLAGE OF BUFFALO GROVE



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Dear Applicant:

The Citizen Police Academy is an eleven-week program that is designed to give participants a working knowledge of the Buffalo Grove Police Department. The classes, which are held once a week at the police department from 6:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., consist of discussions and hands-on training. There are two sessions a year, one of which is held in the Spring and the other in the Fall. There is no cost to those who enroll.

The classes are designed to provide an overview of the various aspects of law enforcement. It is an educational and informative program that affords residents the opportunity to learn about issues that effect law enforcement efforts in the Village of Buffalo Grove.

One of the goals of the Citizen Police Academy is to help the residents of Buffalo Grove better understand how the police work in their community. Participants of the Citizen Police Academy will get to know more about the men and women who are protecting their community and their day-to-day activities and responsibilities.

Another goal is to build relationships between members of the police department and the community in order to assist in our Problem Oriented Policing efforts. The Buffalo Grove Police Department is committed to the philosophy of Problem Oriented Policing. The Citizen Police Academy will provide a forum to improve lines of communication between the police and the community. It is our sincere hope that graduates will become partners with us in identifying problems and providing solutions to quality of life issues that face our community. We also hope that graduates will take this knowledge back to their neighborhoods and share it with other residents. In addition, a number of graduates have become active members of our Volunteer Program and assist with the day-to-day activities and operations of the police department.

Individuals who apply for the Citizen Police Academy must be at least 21 years of age and live or work in Buffalo Grove. All applicants are subject to a background check and will be informed as to whether they have been accepted, denied or placed on a waiting list for a future class.

**The Citizen Police Academy is not designed to make participants certified police officers. The contents of the course are of an informative nature only and it is not intended that graduates have the authority of or act as police officers.**

If you have any additional questions about the Citizen Police Academy, please contact the Crime Prevention/Community Relations Unit at 847-459-2560.

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