



Shelby Township Police Department Citizens' Police Academy

Citizens' Police Academy

The Shelby Township Police Department has found that education is most effective in gaining understanding and support from the community. The Citizens' Police Academy offers citizens insight into how police officers perform their duties and how the Shelby Township Police Department serves the community.

Mission of the Academy

The Citizens' Police Academy is a four-week program that meets once a week from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This program is designed to provide members of the Shelby Township community with additional knowledge about their police department. It allows citizens of Shelby Township to become more educated on Shelby Township Police Department procedure and the pressures associated within law enforcement.

Who may attend the Academy?

Shelby Township residents and Shelby Township business owners are encouraged to attend. Citizens involved with the Shelby Township community in some way, such as youth involvement, neighborhood watch, and neighborhood groups are very important to the academy. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older with no prior felony convictions and have no misdemeanor convictions within the last three (3) years. There is no cost to attend the Citizens' Police Academy.

Purpose of the Citizens' Police Academy

The purpose of the Citizens' Police Academy is to accomplish three goals:

1. To educate community members in Shelby Township Police Department procedures and the pressures associated within law enforcement.
2. To allow the citizens of Shelby Township to meet the men and women who serve them.
3. To provide Shelby Township Police Department officers the opportunity to meet and hear from the citizens they serve and foster better communication between our citizens and the police.

Course Description

Instruction consists of a 2.5-hour class held each week for four weeks. This instruction is comprehensive, covering two different areas of police service each week. Certified police officers, supervisors, and civilian instructors with particular expertise will conduct each topic.

Course Curriculum

- ❖ Criminal Law/Police Procedures
- ❖ Narcotics/VICE Investigations
- ❖ K-9
- ❖ Criminal Investigations
- ❖ Family Abuse/Juvenile Procedures
- ❖ Emergency Response
- ❖ Dispatch Center
- ❖ Traffic Stops/Accident Reconstruction/Alcohol Enforcement

How often is the Citizens' Police Academy held?

The Citizens' Police Academy is held twice a year, in April and October. The Citizens' Police Academy is limited to 60 participants per session. If you apply and the class is full, your application will be carried over to the next session. The spring 2010 session begins on April 12th.

How do I apply to the Academy?

The Citizens' Police Academy online application is available for download on the Shelby Township Police home page (Adobe Reader is required to view and save the application). Applications are also available at the front desk of the police department. Instructions for submission are on the application. You may also drop the form off at the front desk of the police department. Please mark the envelope Citizens' Police Academy.

For more information, you may call 586-731-2121, ext 306.

If you are selected to participate in the academy, you will be notified in writing by the police department.

