



# Yorkville Police Department Citizens' Police Academy Program

## What is the Citizens' Police Academy?

Are you interested in getting an up-close look at what police do? The Citizens' Police Academy is a 10-week program, one block of instruction per week, designed to give participants an understanding of the operation of the Yorkville Police Department and a working knowledge of what law enforcement is all about. The academy classes are held once a week, every Wednesday, and are approximately 2 hours in duration. The classes will be held starting September 9th from approximately 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Each class size would be between 8 and 20 students, so register early. There is no cost for participants who work or reside within Yorkville school district. Each class will provide an overview of various areas of law enforcement. Classes will be given on the following topics:

- **Qualifications/hiring process**
- **Communications**
- **Laws of arrest**
- **Search and Seizure**
- **Patrol functions**
- **DUI enforcement**
- **Traffic enforcement**
- **Investigations**
- **Gangs and drugs**
- **Evidence procedures**
- **Optional ride-a-long**
- **Crime prevention**
- **Information on specialized units (SRT, CPAT, ILEAS)**
- **Crisis Intervention Team**



Several demonstrations will take place during the academy, in which attendees will be allowed to participate. The academy will conclude and with a minimum of 70% attendance. Each participant will be given the opportunity to graduate receiving a certificate of completion.

## **Why participate?**

**The Yorkville Police Department adheres to the philosophy of Community Oriented Policing and is committed to developing partnerships with citizens of the City. The Citizens Police Academy provides the opportunity for citizens to develop direct lines of communication with the Police Department. The citizens participating in the academy will have a working knowledge of the Yorkville Police Department and its functions. The goal is that program participation will strengthen police-community rapport through an educational process, increase understanding of police practices and procedures, and dispose of misconceptions. The police department in turn, becomes more aware of the concerns and issues within the community it serves.**

## **Who can attend?**

**Participants must be at least 18 years of age and reside or work within Yorkville school district. They must be of good moral character with no felony convictions. There will be a criminal history review conducted on each applicant prior to acceptance into the academy. An application for the academy must be completed and signed along with a waiver of liability. You will be notified when you are accepted into the Citizen Police Academy.**

## **What the academy is not:**

**The Citizens Police Academy is not designed to make participants certified police officers. The participation and completion of the academy is designed to develop partnerships with the community. Graduating from the academy does not grant police authority to participants.**

## **Attendance**

**You are expected to attend all sessions in order to complete the program. We understand that emergencies do occur. If you are unable to attend a session, please call Sergeant Jeleniewski, 630-973-9883. More than three absences will not be considered a completion of the course. Out of courtesy to the instructor(s) and your fellow students, please arrive on time.**



## **To Apply to the Citizens Police Academy:**

**If you are interested in applying for Citizen Police Academy you can pick up an application at the Yorkville Police Department, email us, or download it online through the City of Yorkville website on the Yorkville Police Department's page. Please return all applications to the Yorkville Police Department to Sergeant Jeleniewski by August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. You will be notified if you are selected to participate in the Yorkville Citizens' Police Academy**

**For any questions or further information please feel free to contact Sergeant Jeleniewski at [ajeleniewski@yorkville.il.us](mailto:ajeleniewski@yorkville.il.us), 630-553-8541 or 630-973-9883.**