

ELGIN POLICE DEPARTMENT TO HOST IT'S SECOND CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

WHAT IS THE CITIZEN COMMUNITY POLICE ACADEMY?

The Elgin Police Department knows that education is the most effective tool in gaining understanding and support from the community. The Citizen Police Academy offers Citizens insights into how police officers perform their duties and how the department serves the community.

MISSION OF THE ACADEMY

The purpose of the Citizen Police Academy is to foster better communication between Citizens and the police through education. The academy creates a core of well-informed Citizen who possess greater insight into police practices and services.

Graduates of the academy are encouraged to share their knowledge and experiences with others in the community as the opportunity arise. Everyone benefits from enhancing citizen understanding of the role and function of their police department.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The academy consists of an eleven-week class which meets once a week beginning September 30th, 2010. Each class consists of a two and a half to three-hour block of instruction on Thursday nights from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm. This instruction is comprehensive, covering a different area of the police department each week. Certified police officers, supervisors, and civilian instructors, with particular expertise, will conduct each topic.

The academy is held at Elgin Independent School District training room, which is located on the 2nd floor of 1002 North Ave C.

All classes are free.

MISSION STATEMENT FOR ELGIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

“The Elgin Police Department provides quality public safety while partnering with the community to promote a higher quality of life.”

STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL VALUES

Integrity – We believe in honesty, acting ethically, and making wise and informed decisions. We admit mistakes, take corrective measures, and accept responsibility for our actions and our own problems. We work only for the public good and toward the accomplishment of the Departmental mission, never seeking personal advantage. By action, we exemplify all of the Departmental values.

Community Trust – We strive to maintain the highest standards of fairness, credibility and professionalism when interacting with the Citizens we serve. We endeavor to communicate, cooperate and collaborate as a partner with the community to create a better quality of life.

Communications – We believe the best way to enhance our services is to talk with and listen to others, both employees and the Citizens we serve. We believe constructive decisions result from seeking the input of employees and hearing the concerns of Citizens.

Employee trust – We are committed to maintaining a mutual respect and trust among all employees. We believe in, foster, and support teamwork to accomplish our mission.

Problem solving – We identify problems and seek long-term solutions. We are committed to the problem-solving process and using data, rather than emotions to drive decisions. We are willing to take risks by challenging the status quo. All employees are part of the shared vision and direction, seeking feedback and participation from all levels of the organization and the community. We strive to improve systems and examine processes.

Leadership – We are committed to making the right decisions, the right way, and for the right reasons. We accomplish this by creating leaders that communicate effectively, have high moral and ethical standards, and have the capability of effective problem solving. All employees work as leaders to ensure teamwork, accept responsibility through accountability, and strive to provide the optimum service to other employees and the Citizens we serve.

COURSE CURRICULUM

- Overview of Criminal Justice System
- Patrol Procedures
- Criminal Investigations
- Narcotics Investigations
- Traffic Enforcement/DWI
- Community Policing
- Crime Scene Processing
- Communications
- Domestic Violence
- Trip to the Firing Range for Those Students Who Wish to Participate

A vital part of the Academy is participation in a variety of "hands-on" learning experiences. Students will also have the option, on a voluntary basis, to "Ride-a-Long" with a patrol officer during his/her shift, or sit with a communication center operator.

WHO MAY ATTEND THE ACADEMY?

Any interested citizen who resides or works in the City of Elgin is encouraged to attend. Citizens involved with the community in some way, such as youth involvement and neighborhood groups, are very important to the academy.

- Citizen 18 years of age or older.

NOTE: All applicants are subject to a criminal background check. You will be notified by mail/telephone upon your acceptance to the academy.

HOW DO I APPLY TO THE ACADEMY?

Applications can be downloaded from the City of Elgin web site or can be picked up at the Elgin Public Library, Elgin Courier or at the Police Department. You may call 512-285-5757 for more information.

Applications are due @ the Police Department no later than 09-23-2010

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CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED - APPLY NOW!