



Sioux Falls Police Department Hosts Public Safety Citizens' Academy



What is it?

The Citizens' Academy is a ten-week program designed to provide Sioux Falls residents firsthand information about how the Sioux Falls Police Department and Metro Communications perform their respective duties. It is an educational and informative program that allows citizens the opportunity to learn about the issues that impact public safety efforts in the city of Sioux Falls.

Participation in the Academy requires a commitment of one night a week for the ten-week period. Classes are held on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 9:30 p.m. The classes are held at the Sioux Falls Law Enforcement Center Training Room, 320 West Fourth Street.

What is the purpose of the Academy?

The Academy is designed to increase understanding between citizens and the public safety entities through education. One of the goals of the Citizens' Academy is to acquaint citizens with each agency's role in public safety and help the residents of Sioux Falls to better understand how the organizations work in their community.

Community-oriented policing plays an important role in reducing crime in any community. The Citizens' Academy was instituted to improve the communication between citizens and government organizations and allows us to obtain citizen input and support throughout the city. This increased understanding and communication will allow us to work as a community in identifying problems and finding solutions to issues that are impacting our city.

Who teaches the Academy sessions?

The instructors who teach the Academy classes are officers and personnel from the Police Department and Metro Communications. The instructors teach in their own area of expertise in which they have had years of training and experience in. These individuals are able to bring "street" experience into the classroom.

What subjects are included?

The Citizens' Academy will include training from the Police Department on topics like patrol procedures, K-9 operations, and crime scene processing; Metro Communications demonstrating how they work with emergency services and how the 911 Center operates.

Students will spend some time in the Communications Center observing how it works.

Members will also have the opportunity to do a ride-along with a patrol officer on one of the patrol shifts. This will allow the members to see firsthand what officers respond to on any given day.

Applications may be emailed to:

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or mailed/delivered to:

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Academy Application**



Date of Academy: _____

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Employer: _____

Your Occupation: _____

Work Phone: _____

Business Address: _____

Driver's License Number: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Email: _____

Community groups/organizations affiliated with:

How did you hear about the Citizens' Academy?

Why do you want to attend?

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Please explain briefly. **(Applicants are subject to a background check.)**