

Community Education

The Stafford Police Department is excited to announce the return of the Citizen's Police Academy. Originally started by former Assistant Chief Jan Jones, the program is designed to educate our citizens on the many aspects of police operations through class instruction and hands-on demonstrations.

The members of the Stafford Police Department look forward to enhancing our relationship with the community through programs, such as the Citizen's Police Academy and the R.A.D. Systems of Self Defense for Women. As our city grows, the Department recognizes the need to further educate our citizens and, through a combined effort, effectively attack the cause of crime in our city.



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The Citizen's Police Academy has been designed to provide our community with a greater understanding of the Stafford Police Department and its operations. Class lecture and hands-on experiences guide the members through the investigation process from initial contact to the final criminal prosecution. Instructors will provide insight into the inner operations of law enforcement services, including: SWAT, Hostage Negotiations, and the Special Crime Unit.

The goal and purpose of the Citizen's Police Academy is to provide a structured program that increases understanding and communication between the citizens and the department. The program also provides the department the opportunity to learn from the participants through open discussion and interaction among instructors and classmates. The main goal is to make this an informative and enjoyable experience for all those involved. By building our relationship with the community we serve, the department hopes to make the City of Stafford a great place to live and work.

Academy Schedule

Each session is a 10 week program with classes meeting one night a week for 3 hours.

Applications

Please visit the Stafford Police Department website at www.staffordpd.com to download the application. Applications can be found under the "Downloadable Forms" or "Public Information" tabs.

Completed applications must be turned in to the Training Sergeant for review and approval.

The Chief of Police will have final approval of all applications.

Enrollment will be limited to 20 students per session.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicant must be at least 18 years of age.

Valid State/Military I.D. or Driver License.

Resident of Stafford (Non-residents subject to approval by Chief of Police).

No Class B or higher convictions within the preceding 5 year period from date of application.

No Felony Convictions.

Topics Covered

Use of Force / Weapons

Discussion of Use of Force
Presentation of Weapons Utilized

Narcotics

Recognizing and Proper Handling of Narcotics
Warning Sign of Intoxication and / or Drug Influence
Discussion of Narcotic Laws

Gangs

History of Gangs
Discussion of Gang Related Activities

Traffic Law

Discussion of Traffic Laws and Collision Investigation

Criminal Investigations

Discussion of Different Laws and Penalties
Defining Criminal Investigation Terms Such as Felony

Telecommunications

Explanation of 911 and Radio Procedures
Role of the Operator in Providing Police, Fire, and EMS Services

Crime Scene Investigation

Instructions on Identifying, Collecting, and Preserving Crime Scene Evidence

Community Partnerships

Facilitate Creation of Other Community Programs
Organization and Communication between the Department and the Community