

# **Decatur Police Department**

## **Citizen Police Academy**

### **Application Information**

#### **Description of Program**

The Decatur Police Department Citizen Police Academy is a free public program designed to present a realistic perspective of professional policing to interested citizens of Decatur.

While the participant will receive basic information and instruction on a variety of police-related subjects, it is our hope that the police department as well can gain a unique insight into the community expectations of its department through interaction with citizens.

#### **Curriculum**

Classes will meet weekly from 6:30 pm until 9:30 pm. An additional class/exercise will be conducted on a Saturday that will be determined at a later time. The first class will convene at the Decatur Police Department, 1601 S. State. Some of the specialized classes may meet at other locations within the city to participate in mock exercises.

During the thirteen week course, students will receive instruction in various subjects, including but not limited to:

Texas Penal Code

Laws of Arrest

Use of Force

Special Response Teams

Law Enforcement Communications  
Evidence Identification and Collection  
Criminal Investigations  
Narcotics Investigations  
Patrol Procedures  
Traffic Enforcement Juvenile Procedures  
Firearms Safety

A student may miss up to two (2) classes and still be allowed to graduate at the end of the academy.

At the conclusion of the academy, a graduation ceremony will be conducted.

### **Participants**

The academy is open to both men and women, age 18 and up. Couples are encouraged to attend. Interested participants may attend the Citizen Police Academy, based on the following application process:

1. Willingness to work in a team environment
2. Submission of completed written application
3. Submission of completed Waiver Form
4. Submission of completed Consent for Criminal Record Search Form
5. Submission of completed Ride-Along Consent Form

Completed Applications and supporting documentation must be submitted to Captain Royce Gastineau at the Decatur Police Department at least 1 week prior to the beginning of class.

### **Rules of Conduct**

All students attending the Decatur Police Department Citizen Police Academy are expected to maintain a high degree of respect for others, display a positive attitude, and openly cooperate with staff and instructors while in attendance.

### **Supplies and Equipment**

Any supplies or equipment needed by the student will be provided at no cost by the Decatur Police Department. Students will receive a notebook to organize the course materials

### **Financial**

There is no cost to attend the Citizen Police Academy

### **Ride-Along**

As part of the academy, each participant will be allowed to ride with an on-duty police officer for a shift. The schedule for ride-alongs will be formulated after the academy begins

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**If you have any questions regarding this application  
Or the Citizen Police Academy Program, Please**

**contact Captain Gastineau**

**Phone:(940)393-0300**

**Or by email:**

**[rgastineau@decaturpd.net](mailto:rgastineau@decaturpd.net)**

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**Citizen Police Academy Application**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Drivers License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

List Two Emergency Contact Persons and Phone Numbers:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

List Any Medical Conditions You Have:

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List Any Allergies You Have: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been arrested for any offense? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

(If yes, please state where, when and describe the circumstances.

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**You will need to attach the following items to this application:**

(Incomplete applications will not be processed)

1. Completed Waiver Form
2. Completed Consent for Criminal Record Search Form