



Cary Police Department Citizen Police Academy Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Citizen Police Academy?

The Citizen Police Academy is designed to give citizens a better understanding of what police officers do every day. This program provides insight into the philosophy, internal values, and operations of the police department. The goal of this program is to educate participants and improve the relationship with the citizens and the Cary Police Department. The program gives citizens an opportunity to interact with officers and to ask questions.

Who is eligible to attend?

You must be 18 years old and live or work in the Village of Cary. Exceptions to this requirement may be approved by the Chief of Police. Applicants must not have had any previous felony convictions, or have been arrested or convicted of a crime of moral turpitude.

How much does it cost to attend?

There is no cost to attend the Citizen Police Academy. However, the course does require a substantial time commitment from the participant. During the ten-week program students will receive approximately twenty (20) hours of instruction. Participants will not be eligible for graduation if they miss more than two (2) sessions without being excused by the program coordinator.

Where will the classes be held?

The academy is held in the fall and meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. in the Village Board Room at the Cary Village Hall. The Cary Village Hall is located at 655 Village Hall Drive Cary, IL 60013. There may be occasions during the ten (10) week academy that students will report to alternate locations for certain topics of instruction.

What is the curriculum at the Citizen Police Academy?

A wide variety of topics are included in the Citizen Police Academy. Department organization and structure, patrol functions, criminal investigations, communications, K-9, firearms, criminal street gangs and narcotics are just a few examples. Instructors will include officers, detectives, supervisors and administrators from the Cary Police Department, as well as guest speakers who will include representatives of organizations affiliated with the law enforcement profession.

What is the benefit of attending the course?

After successful completion of the academy students will leave with knowledge of the everyday operations of the police department, which they can share with their fellow citizens. By sharing this knowledge and encouraging communication between citizens and the police department, the efficiency of solving problems within the community will be greatly enhanced. Students will also be eligible to participate in a "ride-along" with patrol supervisors. Graduates may join the CPA Alumni Association, which is managed by citizens and provides the police with assistance when necessary.

How do I apply?

Applications can be downloaded by visiting the Village of Cary website at www.caryillinois.com . You can also contact Sergeant Chris Winkelmann at (847)474-8045 / cwinkelmann@caryillinois.com or Detective Josh Victor at 847-474-8032 / jvictor@caryillinois.com .