College Station Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA)

Once you graduate from the Citizen Police Academy, you will have the opportunity to assist with future academies in the role-play scenarios, as well as other areas of the academy. It will also allow the graduate student an opportunity to work with the police department in several crime prevention related areas as a support group member.

The C.P.A. Alumni Association holds monthly meetings that are generally two hours long. There are committee meetings and guest speakers scheduled at the association meetings. The guest speakers will cover a variety of topics not covered in the C.P.A. There will be topics that are covered in the regular C.P.A. classes presented to the alumni association on an expanded version.

This brochure is designed to provide you with information concerning the "College Station Citizen Police Academy".

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What is a Citizen Police Academy?
It is an interactive program between citizens and the police designed to make citizens aware of their police department, regulations, and the Criminal Justice system. This program allows citizens and police to meet and interact in a positive and proactive setting sharing ideas and information.

What is the purpose of the Citizen Police Academy?
The Citizen Police Academy has a threefold purpose. One, to provide the average citizen with information on how the Criminal Justice system operates. Secondly, to provide information on why and how police departments operate. This information hopefully will serve to dispel suspicions and misconceptions citizens may have of the police. Thirdly, it shows how the police and community can work together to reduce crime.

What will I be taught?
- The History of the College Station Police;
- Learn about our Communications Division;
- Function of Patrol;
- Ride along with an Officer;
- Criminal Investigation Division;
- Crime Scene Investigation;
- District Attorney/County Attorney Procedures;
- S.W.A.T. and Hostage Negotiations;
- Traffic Stops (role playing scenarios);
- Traffic Law & Investigations;
- Drug Recognition Experts;
- CSPD Narcotic Task Force;
- Use of Force;
- Recruiting - Requirements for Employment;
- Crime Victim's Advocate;
- Building Searches (role playing scenarios);
- Crime Analysis;
- Criminal Law, Traffic Law, and Judicial Law;
- Tour of Police Department

Is there a charge to attend the Citizen Police Academy?
There is no charge for anyone to attend. All handouts, workbooks, and supplies will be furnished.

What involvement will I have if I want to attend?
The only involvement you will have is a commitment on your part to attend the classes. Role playing is strictly volunteer and used to acquaint you with officer procedures.

How long is the Citizen Police Academy?
The Citizen Police Academy is 11 weeks long with a graduation the last night.

When are the Citizen Police Academies held?
The Police Department conducts one Citizen Police Academy in the Spring and one in the Fall.

How do you enroll in the Citizen Police Academy?
To enroll in the Citizen Police Academy, you need to complete and return an application. Applications are available at the College Station Police Department, on our website www.cstx.gov or you may call 764-3573 to have one mailed to you.

When and where does the Citizen Police Academy meet?
Classes are held at the College Station Police Department, 2611 Texas Avenue S, every Tuesday between 6:30 P.M. and 9:30 P.M.

When I graduate from the Citizen Police Academy, can I become a Police Officer?
No. The Citizen Police Academy is to create a better understanding between the citizens and police by providing you with a deeper understanding of how the department works and what problems and dangers the College Station Police Officers face.