

## History

In 1977, a Citizens' Police School was established in Devon and Cornwall to educate citizen's interested in the English Police System.

The immense response to the program spiraled into a very successful public relations program that continually grows stronger.

The concept was soon adopted in the U.S.A. In 1985 the Orlando, Florida Police Department was the first in the United States to initiate a Citizens' Police Academy. The goal of reducing crime through public commitment and informing citizens about Police Department functions was a huge success. Within the same year, Missouri City and Texas implemented a similar curriculum.

The Richmond Police Department is proud to offer this exciting and informative course to its citizens, residents, and anyone that works lives or plays in Richmond for FREE. There is no cost or obligation required during or upon completion.

In this program, a wide range of topics will give participants a rare look into the behind-the-scenes world of the daily functions of law enforcement.

Be an informed citizen—you will soon understand why there is nothing "routine" about what police department's do every day.

### Richmond Citizens' Police Academy

Cost: **FREE!**      10 Week Program

Dates: **SPRING 2026: Beginning – March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Times: **6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Monday Nights**

Ages **18 to 118!** (Physical Participation Optional)

#### Week 1: 03/09/26

- Orientation / Rules of Conduct
- Police Station Tour
- 911 Dispatch / Calls for Service
- Ride Along Signups

#### Week 2: 03/16/26

- Use of Force – Presentation

#### Week 3: 03/23/26

- Use of Force – Practical

#### Week 4: 03/30/26

- Crime Prevention/ How to protect yourself & your home
- Fraud Prevention
- Gang / Drug Awareness

#### Week 5: 04/06/26

- Drug/ DUI Enforcement
- DUI Reviews (video)

#### Week 6: 04/13/26

- Traffic Stop Reviews
- The Mechanics of Police Decision Making

#### Week 7: 04/20/26

- Traffic Enforcement
- Traffic Stops - Practical

#### Week 8: 04/27/26

- K-9 Unit Presentation / Demonstration

#### Week 9: 05/04/26

- C.S.I / Evidence- Practical
- Crime Scene Investigation
- Death Investigations

#### Week 10: 05/11/26

- Closing Presentation / Graduation

The schedule above may be modified to accommodate police department activities and instructor availability.



## Citizens' Police Academy Application



Village of Richmond  
Toni Wardanian, Village President  
Ciro Cetrangolo, Chief of Police  
Phone: 815-678-4163

## Application

Last name

First name

Middle Name or Initial.

Date of Birth

Driver's license number

Driver's license date of expiration

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone number

Email

Emergency contact last name

Emergency contact first name

Emergency contact phone number

Relationship

Name of personal reference we may contact

Phone number of reference

Occupation

Employer's name

Employer's address

City

State

Phone number

List any members of the Richmond Police Department you know:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Why are you interested in attending the Richmond Citizens' Police Academy?

Have you ever been arrested? (If yes, please provide an explanation, including date, city, and state.)

☐ No ☐ Yes

## Participation and authorization agreement:

I hereby certify that the answers provided contain no willful misrepresentations, omissions or falsifications. I also understand that if any answer given is determined false or questionable, the Village of Richmond Police Department may reject enrollment into the Citizens' Police Academy.

By signing below I allow and agree that the Richmond Police Department will conduct a thorough background check, which may include – but is not limited to – criminal and employment history.

**I fully understand that taking the Richmond Citizens' Police Academy course does not qualify me as a Reserve Police Officer and does not authorize me to act as a Police Officer or representative of the Village of Richmond.**

Signature

Date

If interested, please fill out and sign the application and forward by mail or fax to:

Chief Ciro Cetrangolo  
5600 Hunter Drive  
Richmond, IL 60071

Non-emergency: (815) 678-2351  
Fax: (815) 678-4307