

# 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



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