



**Fort Smith  
Police  
Department**

Invites you to attend:

## The Citizen's Police Academy

A program committed to  
increasing community  
awareness and enhancing  
understanding between  
citizens of Fort Smith and its  
officers



### Is the Academy worth it? Some graduates had this to say:

*"Tremendous...Very Informative."*

*"I'm glad you guys do this...My  
respect grows weekly."*

*"More to it than I could imagine!"*

*"Excellent Presentation!"*

*"Reviewed lots of the 'why' of  
police action."*

*"Interesting and entertaining!"*

*"...It was an eye opener and it  
made this whole effort  
worthwhile!"*

*"No words. JUST GREAT!"*

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### Sounds interesting! What do I have to do to sign up?

If you are interested in attending our Citizen's Police Academy, simply fill out the information at the bottom. Either return the form to the Information Desk or mail it to the Police Department in care of the Community Relations Officer.

Please, be aware there is a waiting list to attend. Your name will be added to that list as soon as the information is received. When you're eligible to apply, you will receive an application and pertinent information at the address you provide below. Thanks for your interest in this extraordinary program. We look forward to your attendance!

**Please put my name on the Academy waiting list. Here is my information:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Day Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place of Employment:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Job Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

## What is the Citizen's Police Academy?

In 1998 the Fort Smith Police Department began hosting a Citizen's Police Academy. The program was developed to promote better understanding between the Police Department and the citizens of Fort Smith. Twice yearly, the Police Department conducts an Academy that meets one night a week for ten weeks. Each night is scheduled for approximately four hours of training. Academy participants are chosen from an applicant waiting list made of citizens who live and/or work in Fort Smith. They are then instructed on how the Police Department functions and the day to day operations of the different divisions within the depart-

ment. Part of the Academy includes a visit to the firing range, a ride-along with a patrol officer, and a bicycle ride with the Community Oriented Policing Unit. Recruits will learn about everything from 911 operations to accident investigations to criminal investigations. The classes are conducted by officers assigned to the area of the scheduled topic. Upon completion of the Academy, the participants will have a graduation dinner and a question and answer session with the Chief of Police.



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## Can anyone attend?

You must be 18 or older to apply to the academy. Due to the sensitive nature of some of the topics, applicants will be subjected to a limited background check to determine their suitability. The check will be limited to criminal history and warrant information. The information **will not** be used for any other purposes nor shared with any other persons or entity.



## What is the cost to attend?

There is absolutely no cost to attend the course. Upon induction into the class, you will be provided with class materials. The only potential costs to you are optional and include having dinner prior to class from local businesses and purchasing an academy shirt through the Academy Alumni Association.

**Will this make me a police officer?** No. This program is designed to present information on what the police department actually does and provide a forum to allow constructive interaction between the police department and the citizens. The academy graduates will not become police officers, but hopefully they, along with the officers, will work through the misconceptions created from lack of understanding. This can lead to a community-wide proactive stance against crime.

## What is a typical Academy Schedule?

(Note: Schedule is subject to changes or adjustments)

Session One	Welcome and Get Acquainted Departmental Organization Hiring Procedures and Training Building Tour
Session Two	Communications Media Relations Internal Affairs Crime Prevention
Session Three	Law Enforcement Explorer Post Service Division Field Training Officers
Session Four	RADAR/LIDAR Accident Investigation DWI Investigation
Session Five	Stress in Police Work Special Weapons and Tactics Vehicle Stops and Approaches
Session Six	FBI Secret Service Probation/Parole Jail Tour/ Sebastian County Detention Center

Session Seven	Search and Seizure Crimes against Property Crimes against Persons
Session Eight	ID/Fingerprinting Domestic Violence
Session Nine	Vice Investigations Drug Dog Narcotics Investigations
Session Ten	Graduation

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