



## **Springfield Police Department City of Springfield, Illinois**

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### **CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY TO START OCTOBER 4**

The Springfield Police Department is now enrolling residents in its next Citizen Police Academy session, which will run from October 4 through December 20, 2011. The police academy is a course of instruction established for citizens consisting of ten weeks of orientation each Tuesday evening from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. To download an application, go to the City's website at <http://www.springfield.il.us>.

The program consists of classroom and hands-on instructional learning experiences. Subjects covered include: officer selection and training processes, the job of the uniformed patrol officer, tactical operations, investigation skills, vice and narcotics, communications, crime scene searches, crime prevention, ride-alongs, canine program and the mounted patrol program, just to name a few.

Enrollees are actively involved in many interesting and unique activities such as touring police and communication facilities, using police equipment, firing the department service weapon, canine demonstration, emergency response team scenarios, and other police related activities.

Graduates of the course will be better informed citizens with a vastly improved insight into law enforcement generally, and the Springfield Police Department, specifically. The police academy concept is designed to build community support and confidence, bridge mutual understanding, and to let the community know that the police department is a function of City government that exists to serve the public in a vast number of ways and means.

The course is free of charge. Each applicant must fill out an application and agree to undergo a cursory background check prior to approval and admission. To graduate, each student must attend seven of the ten sessions. Classes are held at the Springfield Police Academy and the downtown police station.

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