



SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
Kenny Winslow
Chief of Police

The Springfield Police Department's Citizen's Police Academy is an effort to enhance the community policing concept and increase public awareness and education in our City. The next Citizen's Police Academy begins **Wednesday October 20, 2021**, and ends **Wednesday, December 15, 2021**.

The police academy for citizens is a revolutionary concept in law enforcement and police - community relations. A "police academy" course of instruction has been established for citizens consisting of nine weeks of orientation and instruction each Wednesday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. With the exception of one class being held on **Monday, November 22, 2021**. This training program is comprised of both classroom and hands-on instructional learning experiences. Subjects covered include: officer selection and training process; the job of the uniformed patrol officer; tactical operations; investigation skills; vice and narcotics; communications; firearms; defensive tactics; crime prevention; and community policing, just to name a few.

Students will be actively involved in many interesting and unique activities, such as touring police facilities; using police equipment; firing the department service weapons; canine demonstrations; and other community law enforcement related activities. The course is free of charge, and each applicant will 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 nine sessions. Available spots are limited to 20 participants.

Any questions regarding the Citizen's Police Academy can be directed to the Springfield Police Department at 217.788.8397

Applications can be obtained by visiting the Springfield Police Department at 800 E. Monroe, contacting Katherine Chi at 217.788.8360 or email katherine.chi@springfield.il.us.

Registration will open **Monday , August 16, 2021**. The deadline to apply is **Friday, October 1st, 2021**. Thank you for your interest in the Citizen's Police Academy!



**SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**

Name of Applicant: _____
Last First MI Maiden Other

Address: _____
City State Zip Code

Social Sec. #: _____ Drivers License # or Illinois ID Card #: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____ Race: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

COVID-19:

As of 2021, a COVID-19 vaccination will be required for all participants. Please include a copy of your vaccination card along with this application.

Criminal History:

Have you ever been arrested for a crime other than a traffic offense? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please explain: _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than a traffic offense? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please explain: _____

Emergency Contact: _____
Name Phone

What do you expect to gain from attending the Academy? _____

What experience have you had with Law Enforcement? Positive _____ Negative _____ In Between _____

Please Explain: _____

AUTHORITY OF CONDUCT BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

As an applicant to participate in the Springfield Citizen Police Academy, I hereby authorize the Springfield Police Department to conduct a criminal history background investigation. I understand that such background investigation is routine, required for admission, and is conducted due to the content of the classes given at the Academy.

I understand that all available police and criminal records will be checked and that resulting information will be used in determining eligibility of applicants for the Citizen Police Academy. All information is to remain confidential as required by Illinois and Federal statutes.

Signature

Date

STUDENT AGREEMENT

I understand that class space is limited; therefore I agree to attend at least eight (8) of the ten (10) scheduled sessions. Additionally, I agree to arrive promptly and to complete and return the evaluation forms provided for each session.

Signature

Date

RETURN TO:

Springfield Police Department
Attn: Katherine Chi
800 E. Monroe St.
Springfield, Illinois 62701

OR

Email: katherine.chi@springfield.il.us