



Citizens Academy Spring 2011

Hillside Police to begin 2nd Academy class

Citizen police academies (CPAs) have become one of the most beneficial programs developed under the community-based policing philosophy. The first CPA was showcased in Orlando, Florida, in 1985; today, they are used across the country to educate citizens on the basics of the law enforcement profession, to bring citizens closer to police, to recruit potential employees (both civilian and sworn), and to recruit a strong volunteer base. The Hillside Police Department began its first citizen's academy in the fall of 2009. We are now taking applications for spring of 2011.

The Village of Hillside's Citizens Police Academy is open to residents or business owners who are interested in learning more about policing in the Village of Hillside. The main purpose of the ten week academy program is to create a positive understanding and awareness of current law enforcement issues and duties as they relate to the community. In addition, participants will be exposed to the tasks and hazards that face all police officers in our community. The ultimate goal is to foster a positive community-based relationship between citizens and the department. The program is not designed to make applicants certified police officers. Participation does not provide graduates with police authority or the ability to act as police officers.



**Evidence Technician Class
Fall 2009**

Class Quotes Fall 2009

"I really enjoyed the class! It was a great way to connect the community with the Hillside Police Department and to make the residents a little more aware of the things happening in our own neighborhood. It has most definitely caused me to be a lot more observant and aware of my surroundings and know what to look for when I see something suspicious. Thank you so much for the class!"

Monique L. Cade

Academy Requirements and Contact Information



Range Class Fall 2009

"I would like to thank you for an exciting class. The class helped me to understand how and why you put your lives on the line to protect us as citizens. The class was very informative, we are able to identify suspicious activity in our community, and work with the police department with problems in our area. Thanks for allowing me to be a part of a wonderful experience!"

Shirley Mason

Our academy's philosophy centers on an open, informal learning environment. Open dialogue is encouraged and appreciated, as long as it is presented in a tolerant and respectful way. A sincere commitment to the program is a must. We will meet tentatively on Mondays from 6:00-9:00 p.m., from February 7th to April 11th. One or two classes can be missed if you have any scheduling conflicts, but we prefer attendance every week. Please call prior to application to discuss scheduling concerns. We intend to expose you to the daily tasks, the requirements, the culture, and the pros and cons to a career in law enforcement.

Applicants for the Hillside Citizen Police Academy must be at least 21 years of age and live or work in the Village of Hillside. For security purposes, a criminal history check and a driver's license check will be performed, pending your written authorization. If no authorization is given, enrollment in the program will be denied. Applicants with felony convictions and/or certain misdemeanor convictions will be excluded from consideration. The Hillside Police Department reserves the right to exclude participation in this program at any time prior to or during its operation. Applications can be picked up at the police station, 425 N. Hillside Ave., from the dispatch center or the Village Hall. Space is limited, so apply early. Please return your applications no later than January 7th, 2011.

