

**HOW WILL THE CITIZEN  
POLICE ACADEMY IMPROVE  
POLICE AND COMMUNITY  
COOPERATION?**

We believe that the more information the public has about the police, the more citizens will be able to work in partnership with officers to control crime – police can't put an end to crime alone.

Often, conflicts between police and citizens are the result of misunderstanding or incorrect information on police policies and procedures. Through education, these conflicts can be reduced or eliminated.

We hope the graduates of the Citizen Police Academy will take their knowledge into the community and educate others when the opportunity arises, thereby helping to keep the City of West St. Paul and the City of Mendota Heights great places to live and work.



**HOW DO I APPLY?**

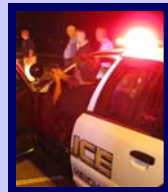
Applications may be picked up at the West St. Paul or Mendota Heights Police Department's Administration Windows, Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm. The application is also on the websites listed below.

<p><b>WEST ST. PAUL POLICE DEPARTMENT</b> 1616 Humboldt Avenue West St. Paul, MN 55118 651-552-4200 <a href="http://www.ci.west-saint-paul.mn.us">www.ci.west-saint-paul.mn.us</a></p>
<p><b>MENDOTA HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT</b> 1101 Victoria Curve Mendota Heights, MN 55118 651-452-1366 <a href="http://www.mendota-heights.com">www.mendota-heights.com</a></p>



**An Officer Demonstrates  
an Arrest on a Citizen  
Academy Member.**

**WEST ST PAUL  
&  
MENDOTA HEIGHTS**



**CITIZEN  
POLICE  
ACADEMY**

A Program of Citizens and Police Working  
Together to Make West St. Paul and  
Mendota Heights Better and  
Safer Places to Live and Work.



**UNDERSTANDING  
THROUGH  
EDUCATION**

Classes are Thursdays....  
September 16th- November 11th, 2010

# WEST ST PAUL & MENDOTA HEIGHTS

## CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

### WHAT IS THE CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY?

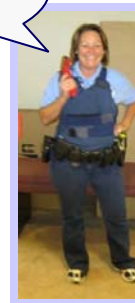
The Citizen Police Academy is a nine-week/32 hr course designed to give West St. Paul and Mendota Heights citizens a working knowledge of the operations and responsibilities of the West St. Paul and Mendota Heights Police. The slogan of the Citizen Academy is; "Understanding Through Education", with the ultimate goal of providing citizen participants with the in-depth information and insight needed to build trust and increase positive interaction between the police and the community.



### WHO MAY ATTEND THE ACADEMY?

Any person who is at least 18 years old and either lives or owns a business in West St. Paul or Mendota Heights. All eligible applicants will be screened by conducting a criminal history check (a prior criminal conviction will not automatically disqualify an applicant).

Taser  
Anyone?



### IS THERE A FEE?

No. The academy is free to persons who either live or own a business in West St. Paul or Mendota Heights.

### HOW IS THE CLASS CONDUCTED?

Students meet one night each week from 6:00pm to 9:30pm for eight weeks. Exact dates will be determined at a later date. Participants receive instruction from police officers and other criminal justice professionals.

### WHAT AREAS ARE COVERED?

Lectures and demonstrations of the following subjects and others are included:

- Criminal Investigations/Search Seizure
- Police Patrol Procedures
- Defensive Tactics/Use of Force
- Use of Firearms
- Juvenile Issues
- Traffic Enforcement
- Police Communications
- CrimePrevention/Community Relations
- Tour of Police Facility/Ride Along

### HOW CAN INFORMATION FROM THIS ACADEMY BE USED BY THE POLICE AND CITIZENS?

We hope that the Academy will be more than just a learning experience for participants. It is hoped that citizens will use this opportunity to share with us their information, ideas, and opinions on how to control and prevent crime in the community. Our officers are looking forward to working with and getting to know citizens outside of their normal law enforcement work environment.

