

IMPROVING POLICE & 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 Cities of West St. Paul, Mendota Heights, Lilydale, Mendota and Sunfish Lake great places to live and work.

Citizen Academy Class of 2015



PROVEN RESULTS

During the academy citizens will learn the role of police officers and experience some of the everyday challenges officers face. Graduates will gain a better understanding of how the police department functions and spread the message of the importance of strong citizen and police partnerships. These strong partnerships are the foundation of safe communities. Some graduates of the academy have gone on to become Community Service Volunteers and Police Reserve Officers.

Apply Today!

Applications are available online at the web addresses listed below or you can go in to either department and pick one up. Space is limited to 30 citizens so apply early to a reserve a spot for this fall!

**MENDOTA HEIGHTS
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

1101 Victoria Curve
Mendota Heights, MN 55118
651-452-1366
www.mendota-heights.com

**WEST ST. PAUL
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

1616 Humboldt Avenue
West St. Paul, MN 55118
651-552-4200
www.cityofwsp.org

*CITIZEN POLICE
ACADEMY*

2016



BEHIND THE BADGE

HONOR—INTEGRITY—COURAGE

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WHAT IS THE CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY?

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The Citizens Police Academy is a ten-week/35 hour 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 ultimate goal is to provide citizen participants with the in-depth information and insight needed to build trust and increase positive interaction between police and the community.

WHAT AREAS ARE COVERED?

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

- ◆ POLICE PATROL
- ◆ DWI /SOBRIETY
- ◆ CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS
- ◆ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
- ◆ USE OF FORCE / TASERS
- ◆ FIREARMS
- ◆ DAKOTA COUNTY JAIL TOUR
- ◆ K-9
- ◆ RESERVES

WHO MAY ATTEND THE ACADEMY?

Residents or those who operate a business in West St. Paul, Sunfish Lake, Mendota Heights, Lilydale or Mendota may apply. Eligible applicants will be screened by conducting a criminal history check (a prior criminal conviction will not automatically disqualify an applicant). For safety reasons, we reserve the right to deny participation in any activity. The police academy includes physical and sensory activity including strobe lights, loud sounds, use of weapons, etc.

HOW IS THE CLASS CONDUCTED?

Students meet Thursday nights from 6:00pm to 9:30pm for ten weeks. Snacks and beverages are provided. Participants receive instruction from police officers and other criminal justice professionals.



IS THERE A FEE?

A generous donation from the Mendota VFW helps to pay for 90% of the expenses. Local businesses, grants and alumni donations help cover the rest!



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

The Academy is so much more than just a classroom experience. 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.



Classes are held Thursday nights
September 15th-November 17th
6:00 pm-9:30 pm

Citizens Academy 2016