



Citizen's Police Academy

The Citizens Police Academy is a nine week program designed to give participants a working knowledge of the Springdale Police department. It consists of a series of classes and discussions held once a week on Monday night from 6:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. The class size is limited to approximately 15 students. There is no cost to enroll and attend the academy. The next class will start March 19, 2012 and will graduate May 14, 2012.

The program will provide information to the citizens who attend, so they may make informed judgments about the Springdale Police Department, other Law Enforcement Agencies, and police activity. Understanding can dispel suspicions and misconceptions, and increase police/community rapport through this educational process. The Police Department, in turn, becomes more aware of the feelings and concerns of the community through input from the students. This will help to establish open lines of communication and cooperation in our shared goal of achieving the best police service for the citizens of Springdale. It is our hope that the CPA graduates will become partners with us in identifying problems and solutions to the crime issues that are affecting our community.

Students will be instructed in the areas of:

- Overview of the Police Department and Municipal Government
- Domestic Violence, Current Issues, Laws of Arrest, Search and Seizure
- Patrol Tactics/Speed Measuring Devices/Traffic Enforcement
- OVI/Crash Report and Investigation
- Use of Force/Less Lethal
- Use of Force Practical Scenarios
- Criminal and Narcotics Investigations
- Crime Scene Investigation

All students considered for the Springdale Citizen's Police Academy must sign a waiver of liability prior to attending the academy.