Visalia Police Citizens Academy Volunteers In Police Service



Mission

The purpose of the Visalia Citizens Police Academy is to enhance police & community relationships by inviting the community to partner with the staff of the Visalia Police Department. This academy is designed to give interested members of the community an overview of what police work is really like as it trains prospective volunteers to serve their community as a "Volunteer In Police Service". All instruction is conducted in-house by members of the Visalia Police Department.

Participants will receive classroom training that varies from gang education to citation writing. Participants will also observe firsthand SWAT and canine exercised, along with hands-on experience of lifting fingerprints to the use of specialized surveillance equipment. Other topics include police ethics, discipline policy and philosophy, communications, drug enforcement and education, criminal and traffic law. Each member of the class will be invited to ride along with a police officer during a tour of duty.

The staff of the Visalia Police Department believes the success of Crime Prevention and detection lies primarily with a strong relationship and partnership with our community. Together we can accomplish much!

Schedule

The length of each academy is 10 weeks, preceded by an orientation usually held one month in advance. Classes meet on Thursday evening for three hours, usually 6–9 P.M. at Police Department head quarters located at 303 S. Johnson St.

The academy will culminate with a graduation ceremony on week eleven. At which time our Chief of Police will present certificates of participation and members will be sworn in as **"Volunteers In Police Service"** Family and friends are welcome to attend.

Curriculum

- Session 1 Ethics in Law Enforcement / Meet the Chief
- Session 2 The Law & Proper / Volunteer Conduct
- Session 3 Support Services / Crime Prevention
- Session 4 Patrol Procedures
- Session 5 Investigations / Homicide / CSI
- Session 6 Gangs / Narcotics
- Session 7 Special Operations (Bomb / SWAT / K-9)
- Session 8 Radio Procedures "CLETS"
- Session 9 Traffic / DUI (citation writing)
- Session 10- Department Protocol / Policy & Procedures
 - Graduation Ceremony

Participation Requirements

Potential candidates for the Citizens Police Academy must meet the following criteria:

- -Minimum age of 21 years
- -Live or work in Visalia
- -No prior felony convictions
- -No misdemeanor arrests within one year of application
- -Successfully pass DOJ & FBI background
- -Committee to meet service hour requirements

Selection Procedure

Citizens Police Academy applicants are to submit their application and fingerprints for a background check, both locally and through the Department of Justice. A review and final determination will be made by the Chief of Police and, or Special Operations Lieutenant. Enrollment is limited to twenty students per academy. Other applicants will be placed on a waiting list. After the candidates are selected, an invitation to the Academy is extended by letter or telephone. At that time you will be provided with dates and times to prepare you for the Academy.

Interest Form

If you are interested in applying for the Visalia Citizens Police Academy, print and fill out the preliminary application form on the next page and mail or fax to the address at the bottom of form.

^{*}Sequence Subject to Change*



Preliminary Application Type or Print Clearly

Name:				
Address:		City:	Zip:	
Phone:	Work:	F	Fax:	
Employer / School:			Phone:	
Educational Background:				
*What affiliation other that being selected, but may be	n residence or business do you have to considered.)	o the community? (Affi	liations are not a prerequisite for	
*In two or three sentences	, please describe what you hope to gai	n from your participation	n in Citizens Police Academy.	
violations or a misdemean	and examination of all participants or criminal history does not necessarily ever been convicted of a felony?	ly prevent participation.		
Date of Birth:	Drivers' License #		State	
	ia Police Department to conduct a bas part of my consideration to partic			
Signature:		Date:		

For more Information: 713-4370

Fax: 713-4856

Please return ASAP to: Visalia Police Department Crime Prevention Unit

303 S. Johnson St. Visalia, Ca. 93291