



Freeport Police Department

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Citizen Police Academy

Fall 2017

Thank you for your interest in the Civilian Police Academy. The Freeport Police Department, as a progressive and innovative 21st century police agency, values the partnership and role that citizens play in community law enforcement. The individuals employed by the police department cannot single-handedly change the atmosphere of the city; instituting substantive change must be a collaborative effort between the police department and the community it serves.

To that end, the Freeport Police Department wishes to partner with community members to offer an inside look into the operations of our police agency and the criminal justice system. The Citizen Police Academy is a ten-week program that meets every Wednesday from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. The class sessions consist of various presentations and dynamic exercises relating to several law enforcement topics. Former participants have come away from the program with a wealth of knowledge and experiences that strengthened their understanding of policing in Freeport and America. Participants will also have an opportunity to ride-along with an officer and observe the operations of the communications center.

Participation is limited, and applications are kept on file for the next session in the event the class session is already full. This fall's session will start on September 13th, and will conclude with a ceremony on November 15th. There is no cost to participate in the program. If you have any questions about the program or application, please contact Ofc. Chris Fidecki at cfidecki@freeportpd.com or call 815-599-5876 x1314. Completed applications can be left in the Dispatch Center of the Freeport Police Department or mailed to:

Attn: Ofc. Chris Fidecki
Freeport Police Department
320 W Exchange
Freeport, IL 61032

Requirements to apply:

Live, work, or attend school in the City of Freeport

18 years of age

No felony convictions, no pending court cases, no misdemeanor convictions in past 3 years



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Citizen Police Academy Application

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Last First Middle MM/DD/YYYY

Driver's License Number: _____ State: _____ License Valid: Y/N
circle one

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Home Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____ Email: _____

Employer/School: _____ Years at present employer: _____ Occupation: _____

How did you hear about the program? _____

Do you reside, work, or study in Freeport? YES NO T-Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____
Last First

All applicants must reside, work, or study in the City of Freeport and must be at least 18 years of age. A background review may be conducted on each applicant and the Freeport Police Department reserves the right to deny an application based on a background review. The Chief of Police has the discretion to deny any application based on an applicant's viability for the program.

I affirm that all information on the above application is true, and I authorize the Freeport Police Department to conduct a background review based on the information contained in this application.

Signature: _____ Date: _____