

Citizen Police Academy Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of conducting a citizen police academy?

To give the public information on how the Police Department works and its policies and procedures, through a series of classes involving instruction by police officers.

Where did the concept originate?

The program originated in Orlando, Florida in 1984. Orlando was the first city in the United States to start a Citizen Police Academy.

What was the Bentonville Police Department's incentive for starting a Citizen Police Academy?

We feel the more information the public has about the police department, less fears and misconceptions will exist. Many conflicts are caused simply by lack of understanding.

When does the class meet?

There are two Citizen Police Academy sessions per year. Students meet on Thursday nights at different Bentonville Police Department facilities. There will be a total of approximately thirty-five (35) hours of instruction by police officers. The classes are held at no cost to the student!

Who attends the Citizen Police Academy?

Citizens 21 years of age and above. We have architects, bankers, homemakers, students, retirees, teachers, neighborhood groups, and professionals attending the classes.

When does the next class begin? If you are interested in a class, Class 2008-A begins on March 25, 2007 at 6pm in the Bentonville Police training room.

How do you apply?

You must be at least 21 years old and live or work in the Bentonville area. Complete the [Citizen Police Academy application](#) and mail it to the address below. If you have any questions or need more information, call Sgt. David Green or Officer Guary Morgan @ (479) 271-5986 or gmorgan@bentonvillear.com.

Applications can be downloaded from the City of Bentonville website. After downloading and printing the application, complete the application and return it to:

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