

Citizens' Police Academy

Irving residents age 18 and older are invited to participate in the Irving Police Department's Citizens' Police Academy.

This free educational program is designed to establish an open line of communication and understanding between the community and the Police Department to make Irving a safer place to live and work.

The training program consists of classroom and limited hands-on instruction facilitated by various department staff. Topics include crime scene investigation, police communications, criminal investigations, domestic violence, gang unit, narcotics investigations and firearms training. Instruction also includes facility tours and the opportunity to participate in the patrol ride-along program.

The academy is held three times a year. Classes meet 13 times during an 11-week period on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m., with one Saturday class from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. To graduate, participants must not miss more than three classes.

Program start dates are:

- March 10 (English)
- June 2 (Spanish)
- Aug. 25 (English)

Space is limited. To receive an application, contact Officer Lance Peikert at (972) 721-3557 or lpeikert@cityofirving.org. The form also can be downloaded at www.irvingpd.com.

For more information, contact the Irving Citizens' Police Academy coordinator at (972) 721-3557 or (214) 287-6314 (Spanish).