

LaGrange Police Department

Citizen's Police Academy



What is the Citizen's Police Academy?

The Citizen's Police Academy is a free program designed to give LaGrange residents and LaGrange business owners a first-hand look at the LaGrange Police Department and its employees. The up coming Academy will start September 09, 2014.

The Academy meets every Tuesday from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm for 12 weeks at the police station, but may meet at other locations as required. Using both hands-on and classroom instruction, each session focuses on various aspects of police work. During the Academy participants will be given an opportunity to ride along with a LaGrange police officer during a shift, process a crime scene and observe the inner workings of the communications center.

What is the goal of the Academy?

The goal of the LaGrange Citizen's Police Academy is to strengthen the partnership between the LaGrange Police and the community that we share. Close interaction allows the citizens and the Police Department to understand each other better. By building on this renewed relationship, a stronger team approach could be used to handle law enforcement issues that challenge our community.

Participation in the Academy does NOT authorize attendees to carry weapons, make arrests or exercise any authority other than that of a private citizen. A criminal history review of applicants will be conducted prior to acceptance into the academy.

What does the Academy have to offer?

The curriculum of the LaGrange Citizen's Police Academy is fluid and changes periodically to stay current. Some of the core instruction includes:

- History of LaGrange Police
- Communications overview
- Patrol operations
- Criminal investigations
- Defensive tactics
- Crime scene processing
- Police canine techniques
- Mock traffic stops
- Use of force decision making
- Juvenile Law / D.A.R.E

Who are the instructors?

The instructors are Police Officers, Civilian Police Department employees and/or seasoned professionals in the Criminal Justice System. All of the instructors demonstrate veteran experience and knowledge in their presentations.

How do I apply?

If you are interested in attending the LaGrange Police Department's Citizen's Police Academy, you may apply by completing an application available at the police department and returning it to the address below: **You must be at least 20 years of age to attend, a resident of LaGrange or surrounding communities, and/or work in LaGrange.** Academy classes are filled on a first come/first served basis.

Apply to any of the following:

Officer Robert Wardlaw

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Officer Tim Andries

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