

Balch Springs Citizens Police Academy

Citizens Police Academy Training Session:

Class begins: February 23, thru May 13, 2017 (classes held each Thursday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.)

Deadline for applications: Friday February 10, 2017,

To apply, fill out the online application.

To ask questions, call Sam Allen 972-557-6010

About:

The Citizens Police Academy is a 13-week program designed to give citizens the opportunity to receive educational detail information from each student will learn about police procedures as well as become more aware of their personal surroundings.

The class meets every Thursday for 13 weeks. The academy covers a wide variety of topics, such as Criminal Investigations, Patrol Operations, Communications, Crime Prevention, Courts and their functions, Defensive Tactics and Firearms Training. Instruction in these and other topics consist of lectures, demonstrations, tours and/or hands-on activities.

Graduates of the Citizens Police Academy are eligible to join the Balch Springs Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. The goal of the Association is an ongoing learning and helping the process, with the main purpose of gathering graduates of the Balch Springs Citizen's Police Academy in order to enhance relations between the community and the police department. The organization meets every month on the second Tuesday of each month. The Department conducted its first Citizens Police Academy in 1991. Participants are diverse in backgrounds and represent many different areas of the community.

Class Topics:

Students will learn about each Unit within the Police Department; how cases are handled; and role play as police officers in selected class topics; and requirements to become a police officer.

Patrol Functions: Street Crimes

Officers will speak to the students of the daily life and role as a police officer. Officers will talk about their experiences out in the real world.

Traffic Stops:

Students will learn the dangers an officer faces during a routine traffic stop. A hands-on scenario is a setup as an opportunity for students to get involved and role play as an officer while conducting their very own traffic stop.

Suspect Information:

A class session is given on how to identify and report suspect descriptions to the police department.

Dispatch:

The Unit will explain procedures and how calls are prioritized.

Crime Prevention – Securing Your Home:

Class session will entail evaluating the perimeter of the home to include: Lighting, landscaping, doors, locks, and windows.

Social Media

The uses of social media are growing within law enforcement agencies. This class session will show how Balch Springs Police Department is leveraging social media to fight crime and create a virtual ride-along.

Building Searches:

The Patrol Unit will show students how to make an entry in a building when searching for a suspect(s). Students will also be given tips on how to handle the situation in the event someone breaks in while you're at home.

Crime Scene:

Students will learn how the Crime Scene Unit processes the crime scene and how evidence is collected. Students will also see the different types of equipment and chemicals used at a crime scene.

Drugs:

A class session is given on the different types of drugs used, signs of a person using a type of drug, and its effects. Officers will also talk about prescription drugs which are highly abused and used more by teens these days.

Criminal investigation unit:

The students will learn the types of crimes this Unit investigates which are Robbery, Missing Persons, Suicides, Questionable Deaths, Attempted Murder, Homicides, Sex Offender Registry, Adult Sexual Assaults, Criminal Investigations, Injury to Elders, Kidnappings, and Adult Protective Referrals.

Sex Offender Registry:

This topic will explain the sex offender laws, probation violations, and registration requirements.

Police Recruitment and Academy:

The Personnel Unit will explain the recruitment testing and application process in becoming a Peace Officer for the Balch Springs Police Department.

Family Violence:

Students will hear the types of cases that fall under the Family code. Violence against a family member or loved one, Victim's Rights and the Law.

Crimes against Children:

Students will hear types of investigation on crimes against children.

Self Defensive Tactics:

Students will be given the opportunity to learn a few self defensive tactics techniques for personal safety.

Identity Theft:

Students will be given a class session on Identity Theft prevention and what to do if you are a victim.

Community Policing Strategies

The students will hear the primary organizational goal in working cooperatively with individual citizens, groups of citizens, and both public and private organizations to identify and resolve issues which potentially affect the livability of specific neighborhoods, areas, or the city as a whole.

The Role of Public Information Officer

To apply, fill out the online application.

Please note: Applicants will be subjected to a background check

Contact Sam Allen for questions or for additional information
972-557-6010 or email Allen501@balchspringspd.com.



**BALCH SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY
APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT**



PERSONAL REFERENCES

1. Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Years Known _____ Relationship _____

2. Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Years Known _____ Relationship _____

Please review your answers carefully and read the following statement before signing this application!

I hereby certify that there are no willful misrepresentations, omissions, or falsifications in the foregoing statements and answers to questions. I understand that any omission or false statement on this application shall be sufficient cause for rejection for enrollment or dismissal from the Balch Springs Citizen's Police Academy. I further understand that the Balch Springs Police Department will be conducting a thorough background investigation that may include, but is not limited to criminal history, employment history, and personal references. I declare that I have never been convicted of a felony offense in this state, any other state or the United States. I also understand that any student may be removed from the academy if said student is disruptive or otherwise inhibits the concept of this program.

Applicant's Signature

Date

PLEASE RETURN TO:

**BALCH SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT
12500 ELAM ROAD
ATTN: C.P.O. Sam Allen 972-557-6010**



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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name (Last, First, Middle) _____

Date of Birth _____ Tex DL/ID _____

Drivers License# _____ State _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____

Have you ever been arrested? Yes No

If you answered yes, please provide details of the arrest, including the date, place of arrest and disposition. _____

Briefly list any civic organization or activities in which you are currently involved.

In order to be eligible for the Citizen's Police Academy, you must: *(Mark all that apply)*

Live in Balch Springs Work in Balch Springs

EMPLOYMENT

Employer _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone# _____ Job Title _____

EDUCATION

High School Graduate College Graduate Highest Grade Completed _____