

The Anchorage Police Department Citizen's Academy program is designed to promote and enhance citizen understanding and awareness of the role of the Anchorage Police Department within our community. The objective of the course is not to prepare graduates to become police officers, but instead, to instill in citizens a greater general knowledge of the many functions of APD. To attend citizens must meet the following established criteria: a) participants must be at least twenty one years of age (21) and b) must pass a background investigation check c) must reside within the Municipality of Anchorage .

Participation requires a commitment of one evening a week and two (2) Saturday afternoons for an eleven (11) week period. Participants will meet in the evening from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM and Saturday sessions are from 12:00pm to 4:00pm. In addition, at the participant's convenience, ride-along with a patrol officer and/or observation time in the dispatch center may be scheduled.

Classes are held at the Anchorage Police Department Training Center.

The following topics are those which are typically covered in the Citizens Police Academy:

Cyber Crime

Fraud/Financial Crime

Homicide Investigation & Evidence Collection

DWI

Drug Investigation/Vice Crimes

Recruiting/Police Careers

Patrol Procedures

Child Abuse & Sexual Assault

Domestic Violence

Traffic Enforcement/Fatality Investigations

Gangs in Anchorage

Firearm Safety

Personal Safety

Neighborhood Crime Watch

Tour of the Anchorage Police Department

Crime prevention

K-9

Swat Team/Hostage Negotiations