

# Citizen Police Academy

## Description

The Academy provides community members with an inside look at local law enforcement. During academy training, students will be introduced to a wide range of topics.



The course is designed to provide citizens with an overview of the Police Department's function and operational procedures. During the Academy, students will have an opportunity to ride in a marked patrol car, ride on the patrol boat and fire guns at the indoor shooting range

Academy classes are taught by civilian and sworn police personnel of the San Rafael Police Department. Participants will meet the Chief of Police, Matthew Odetto and many members of the department.



The San Rafael Police Department offers two Academy sessions during the year. Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Attendance is not mandatory, however it is highly encouraged. If you miss a class session, you will be given an opportunity to attend that session in our next, upcoming class. We welcome you to this opportunity to share an insight to the activity and issues within our community, and the complexity of law enforcement demands to satisfy those issues.

## Class Curriculum

We invite you to learn about our department. The classes are as follows, but are not limited to:

- Patrol Bureau: Patrol Procedures, Street Activity, Tactics, Staffing Levels
- Special Operations Bureau: SWAT, Gang, Directed Patrol Units
- Police Chaplains
- Police Psychology
- Crime Scene Scenarios
- Narcotics and Related Activity
- Street Crimes and Task Force
- Investigations Unit: Burglary, Fraud and Forgery, Crimes against Persons, Sex Crimes, Domestic Violence
- Basic of Criminal Law: Penal Codes and Related Criminal Codes
- Traffic Unit: Collisions, Pursuit, Hit and Runs, Driving Under the Influence
- Tour of the San Rafael Police Dept.
- Community Policing
- Communications/ 911 Dispatch
- Youth Services and Counseling
- School Liaison and related programs

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## Commonly Asked Questions

IS THERE AN AGE OR RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT?

Answer: THERE IS A MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT OF 18. THERE ARE NO MAXIMUM AGE REQUIREMENTS. THE CLASS IS OPEN TO ALL SAN RAFAEL RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS.

DOES THIS COURSE PREPARE ME TO BECOME A POLICE OFFICER?

Answer: NO. THE INTENT IS NOT TO TRAIN CITIZENS TO BECOME POLICE OFFICERS. THIS IS AN INFORMATIONAL COURSE TO TEACH YOU ABOUT THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

## Working With the Community

The San Rafael Police Department is proud to present the Citizen Police Academy. The Academy is designed to:

- Encourage increased understanding of police operations
- Enhance awareness of the Police Department's roles, capabilities, and limitations
- Develop realistic expectations of Department response
- Bridge the gap between the community and the Police Department by building trust, respect, and a sense of cooperation
- Provide a forum for police-citizen exchange and dialogue.



## CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

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The next class begins on:

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