

The Sheriffs Citizens' Academy

Is an approximately 40-hour program designed to give the citizens of Travis County a working knowledge of the Travis County Sheriff's Office and the criminal justice system as it works in our county.

The primary objective of the academy is to build a better understanding between citizens and the Sheriff's Office through education. It is further hoped that the Academy will increase public awareness, dispel suspicions and misconceptions, and increase Sheriff's Office and community rapport. At the same time, the Sheriff's Office becomes aware of the feelings of the community from the participants' interaction and input.

The instructors of this academy are the supervisors and deputies who work in the areas being taught and their instructions will give participants insight into the day-to-day operations of the Sheriff's Office. In return, class instructors receive direct feedback from class participants on the effects the Sheriff's Office has on their lives.

There are two classes per year. The Spring session is on Tuesday nights and the Fall session is on Thursday nights. Each class is usually from 7:00PM until 10:00PM each night.

There are some extracurricular activities that you will be involved in during the academy. There is a complete tour of the correctional system on one Saturday during the course, a ride along with a patrol deputy for their shift as an observer, and a chance to see and use the computerized firearm training system that is used by Travis County Deputies in their yearly firearms training.

The requirements are simple. You must fill out an out application and consent to a background check. All applicants must be at least (18) years of age and either reside or work in Travis County. Those persons with felony convictions, who are currently on probation, and anyone who has been convicted for any offense involving moral turpitude are not eligible.

Once you graduate you are encouraged to become a member of the Travis County Sheriff's Citizens' Academy Alumni Association. Alumni members become our volunteer base and are often called upon to assist the Sheriff's Office with special events and projects.

To apply for the Citizens Academy, complete the application on the back and mail to:

**Travis County Sheriff's Office
Sheriff's Citizens' Academy
P.O. Box 1748
Austin Texas 78767**

Those with questions can call 854-4989

Class size is limited to the first 30 people per class.

TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S CITIZENS' ACADEMY



**Serving Our
Community
Through Awareness
And Education**

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TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S CITIZENS' ACADEMY
Application for Student Enrollment

All student applications must be completed and returned to the Sheriff's Office in order to be considered. There are only 30 openings in each academy class; therefore, not every application will be accepted. An eligibility list will be established for last-minute cancellations and openings in future academy classes.

Name (last, first, middle)	Race	Sex	Date of Birth	Date of Application
Mailing Address	City		Zip Code	Home Phone
Home Address	City		Zip Code	County Residence
Place of Employment			Occupation	Work Phone
Memberships in Community groups, civic organizations, etc			E-mail address	
How did you hear about the Sheriff's Citizens' Academy?				
What is your objective in enrolling in the Sheriff's Citizens' Academy..., and why should you be considered for the Citizens' Academy?				

If you are accepted as a student, you will receive instructions and educational materials related to the law enforcement mission of the Travis County Sheriff's Office. As such, some of the material presented will be privileged or confidential in nature. Due to the sensitivity of this information, it is necessary for the Travis County Sheriff Office to conduct background checks to determine the suitability of those persons desiring to attend academy classes. Please answer the following questions as accurately and completely as possible. Any intentional misrepresentation or omission of facts will be grounds for denial of admission to the academy or if you already enrolled, immediate termination from the program. A criminal history check will be made on all persons enrolled in the Travis County Sheriff's Citizens Academy.

Drivers License State and Number	Social Security Number
Do you go by any other names or aliases now or have you in the past? If yes, explain (DO NOT include maiden names unless used in the past 5 years) Yes No	
Have you lived outside of the United States (or its Territories) in excess of 90 days? If yes, explain Yes No	
Have you ever been convicted of a felony or are you currently on probation/parole of any offense? If yes, explain Yes No	
Name and telephone number of person to contact in case of an emergency	Relationship

APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

I _____ hereby acknowledge that I have completed the above application completely and accurately to the best of my knowledge. I also acknowledge that the Travis County Sheriff's Office will be conducting a background investigation on me to determine my suitability for admission to this program. Permission is hereby granted to conduct a background investigation based on the information provided in this application.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Mail your completed application to: For Questions- phone 512-854-9728
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