CITIZENS’ ACADEMY

A hands on learning experience designed to give you, the citizen, a better understanding of the role and function the Elk Grove Police Department plays in our community.

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WHAT IS THE CITIZENS' ACADEMY?
The Citizens’ Academy is a 10 week program designed to inform and teach interested citizens the various aspects of municipal policing.

The program covers procedures from patrol and investigations, vehicle operations, arrest and control techniques, 911 communications, code enforcement and animal control. The Citizens’ Academy is free of charge and meets on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00pm. Instructors are highly trained law enforcement professionals who are dedicated to serving their community.

Each instructor is a professional in their field, and will describe the vital function they perform within the criminal justice system.

The Citizens’ Academy is an active learning experience. Citizens will be given the opportunity to go “hands on” with the Forensic Technicians in gathering evidence, see our K-9 Officers and their four legged partners in action as they search for narcotics, and hit the mat during the weaponless defense portion of instruction.

The only thing needed is a desire to learn and a commitment to participate. After graduating from the Citizens’ Academy you will be better informed, and have a clearer understanding of the vital function the Elk Grove Police Department contributes in keeping our community safe.

GOAL OF THE CITIZENS’ ACADEMY
The goal of the Citizens’ Academy is to continually improve the relationship between the Elk Grove Police Department and the citizens. We will strive to develop a better understanding of the roles and services the police officer has in your community. Our goal is to inform and encourage a stronger collaboration with the community.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?
If you’re over the age of 18, live or work in Elk Grove, have no felony convictions and have an interest in the services provided by the Elk Grove Police Department.

(Citizens must complete a background check before entering the Citizens’ Academy)

The Elk Grove Police Department will conduct three Citizens’ Academy classes each year. Class sessions are during the Spring, Summer and Fall. All citizens meeting the eligibility requirements are encouraged to apply. Classes will be made up of 25 citizens. Classes are kept to a maximum of 25 participants to allow each person an opportunity to interact with officers.

At the conclusion of the Academy you will be given the opportunity to provide constructive input into the direction of future classes.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO ATTEND?
Applications for the Citizens’ Academy can be obtained by visiting the Elk Grove Police Department or at elkgrovepd.org.

Eligible citizens will be contacted for upcoming Citizens’ Academy classes. Due to the small number of participants allowed in each class, you may be placed on a waiting list.

For additional information, or questions regarding The Citizens’ Academy, please contact the Community Resources Bureau’s POP Unit at 916.478.8110.