



La Grange Park Citizen Police Academy

The La Grange Park Citizen Police Academy is a program designed to give the participants a working knowledge of the La Grange Park Police Department and all the services available.

The program consists of a series of classes, discussions and demonstrations of the operations and divisions of the La Grange Park Police Department.

The Goal of the Citizen Police Academy is to provide for a safer community by utilizing education in order to enhance understanding, increase positive communication, and foster a partnership between the citizens and the Police Department.

To be a participant you must be at least 18 years of age, pass a criminal background check along with signing a waiver of liability. Enrollment is open to all, with priority given to La Grange Park residents and those who work in the Village. Class size will be limited so make sure to get your completed application turned into the Police Department. This is a free program that is offered two times annually, once in the Spring and once in the Fall. Each class meets for several consecutive Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Police Department.

2021 Sessions

Session 1 – April 3rd through May 8th

Session 2 – September 18th through October 23rd

Any questions please contact Officer Chris Dempsey at (708) 352-7711 ext 275 or
cdempsey@lagrangepark.org.

Citizen Police Academy in La Grange Park

The La Grange Park Citizen Police Academy is open to all, with priority given to La Grange Park residents and those who work in the Village, 18 years of age or older. Applicants should be in good health; however, no physical activity is required.

The goals of the Citizen Police Academy:

1. Bring a greater understanding of the role of a police officer
2. Develop a trusting partnership with the community
3. Expand the knowledge of laws and police procedures
4. Enhance involvement with the community and police department

Some of the topics that will be covered in class are:

1. Community Policing, including topics on:
 - Adopt-A Cop
 - Coffee with Police Staff
 - Door Hanger Program
 - Walk & Talk
 - Public Safety Alerts & Bulletins
 - Mental Health Awareness
 - Communication
 - Building Trust / Transparency through Education
2. Traffic Stops / Patrol Techniques
3. Safety at Home
4. Investigations / Criminal Law
5. Fire Safety

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Completion of the Citizen Police Academy does not grant individuals police powers, but will provide an informative overview of the fundamentals of police operations.

Those interested in participating in the Citizen Police Academy must complete an application, sign a waiver of liability, and pass a routine background check. Applications and waiver of liability can be found on the Village of La Grange Park website or can be picked up in person at the Police Department. Completed applications and waivers can be turned into the Police Department.

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