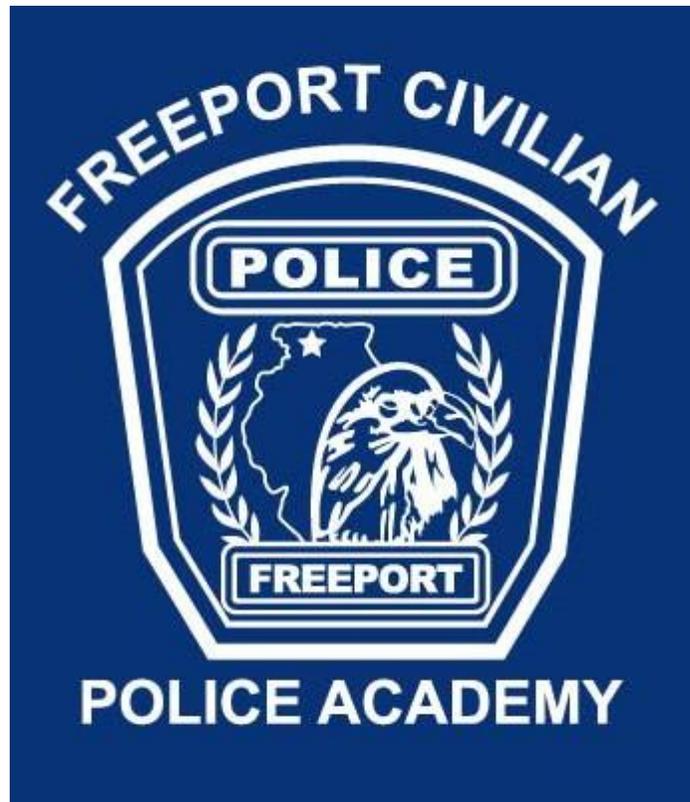


FREERPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Civilian Police Academy



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CIVILIAN POLICE ACADEMY

WHAT IS IT?

The Civilian Police Academy is an eight-week program designed to give the participants a working knowledge of the Freeport Police Department. It consists of a series of classes and discussions held once a week, on a designated evening from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. There are two academy classes a year and each class size is limited to approximately 25 students. There is **no cost** to anyone who enrolls.

The classes will provide an in-depth view into various aspects of law enforcement. It is an educational and informative program that allows citizens the opportunity to learn about the issues that affect law enforcement efforts in the City of Freeport, and how to develop a partnership with the police department. This program also allows the participant a unique “hands-on” opportunity in a variety of law enforcement tasks and responsibilities.

GOALS

- To create a better understanding and communication between the citizens and police through education.
- To develop a partnership between the citizens and police in order to establish a safer community.

BENEFITS

When residents take a more personal interest in their city, and the protection of their community and neighborhoods, they will enjoy a safer and closer relationship with their neighbors. Upon completion of the course, graduates receive a diploma, academy mug, and class photo.

WHY?

Community Oriented Policing plays an important and vital role in reducing crime in any community. The Freeport Police Department instituted the Civilian Police Academy to improve communication and obtain input and support throughout the city. It is our hope that the graduates will become partners with us in identifying problems and solutions to the crime issues that are affecting our community. Graduates will take their knowledge back into their neighborhoods where they can use it to enhance the quality of neighborhood life.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Individuals who apply for the Civilian Police Academy must be at least 18 years of age. They must also live, work, own property in the City of Freeport, or attend Highland College.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to attending the class sessions, each participant **must** complete a four-hour ride-along with a patrol unit and spend two hours in the 9-1-1 Center.

CURRICULUM SUMMARY

- Department Overview and Tour
- Criminal Justice System / Elements of offenses
- Patrol Procedures / Traffic Laws - Accident Investigations
- Domestic Violence / Youth Services / Victim Services
- Criminal Investigations / Evidence Collection Procedures
- Use of Force Laws / Shoot - Don't Shoot Decisions
- Community Oriented Policing & Problem Solving
- Police Survival Skills / Self Defense
- Administration / Office of Professional Standards
- Patrol Ride-Along / Student - Officer Interaction
- Communications / Enhanced 9-1-1 System

Instructors include members of the Freeport Police Department.

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