



# Freeport Police Department

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## Civilian Police Academy Fall 2023 Application

Thank you for your interest in the Civilian Police Academy. The Freeport Police Department, as a progressive and innovative 21<sup>st</sup> century police agency, values the partnership and role that citizens play in community law enforcement. The individuals employed by the Police Department cannot single-handedly change the atmosphere of the city; instituting substantive change must be a collaborative effort between the police department and the community it serves.

To that end, the Freeport Police Department wishes to partner with community members to offer an inside look into the operations of our police agency and the criminal justice system. The Civilian Police Academy is an eight-week program that meets every Thursday from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. The class sessions consist of various presentations and dynamic exercises relating to several law enforcement topics. Former participants have come away from the program with a wealth of knowledge and experiences that strengthened their understanding of policing in Freeport and America. Participants will also have an opportunity to ride-along with an officer and observe the operations of the communications center.

Participation is limited, and applications are kept on file for the next session in the event the class session is already full. The Fall 2023 session will begin on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, with graduation on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023. There is no cost to participate in the program. If you have any questions about the program or application, please contact Chief Shenberger at [cshenberger@freeportpd.com](mailto:cshenberger@freeportpd.com) or call 815-235-8222. Applications are available on the City of Freeport website and at the Police Department. Completed applications can be submitted in person at the Police Department or mailed to:

**Freeport Police Department  
Attn: Civilian Police Academy  
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## CIVILIAN POLICE ACADEMY

Last Name		First Name		Middle Initial
Street Address		City		Zip
Home Phone	Work Phone	Email Address		
Date of Birth	Valid Driver's License? Yes      No	Driver's License # and State		
Employer/School		Years at Present Employer	Occupation	
Do you reside, work, or study in Freeport? Yes      No		T-Shirt Size S      M      L      XL      2XL		
Emergency Contact Name		Relationship	Phone #	

All applicants must reside or work in the City of Freeport and must be at least 18 years of age. A background review may be conducted on each applicant and the Freeport Police Department reserves the right to deny entry to the Academy based on that background review. The Chief of Police has the discretion to deny entry into the program in the event the applicant may discredit the department or the program.

***I affirm that all information on the above application is true and I authorize the Freeport Police Department to conduct a background review based on the information contained in this application.***

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

### Eligibility Requirements

Applicants for the Citizens Academy must meet the following criteria:

- \*Be at least 18 years of age
- \*Have no felony convictions
- \*Have no misdemeanor convictions or pending cases within three years prior to application

Any requirement may be waived or modified upon review and approval of the Chief of Police.