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Citizens Police Academy – Application Packet (2026)

Program Overview

The Citizens Police Academy (CPA) is a seven-week educational program designed to give community members an inside look at modern policing at the York Police Department. Through classroom discussion, demonstrations, and hands-on activities, participants will learn how the York Police Department operates, why certain policies and procedures exist, and the challenges officers face while serving our community.

The CPA is intended to be informative, engaging, and interactive. It is not a skills certification program, but an opportunity for residents to better understand law enforcement and strengthen relationships between the York Police Department and our community.

Academy Goals

The goals of the Citizens Police Academy are to:

- Build understanding and trust between the York Police Department and our community
- Provide clarity and context for how and why policing decisions are made
- Offer immersive learning experiences that reflect real-world policing challenges
- Encourage open dialogue and respectful conversation between officers and participants
- Increase awareness of crime prevention, public safety, and community engagement efforts
- Educate participants on current laws at the federal, state and local levels

Schedule & Expectations

- The Citizens Police Academy runs for **seven consecutive weeks, meeting each Tuesday evening per week from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.**
- Each session focuses on a different aspect of policing and may include presentations, demonstrations, and interactive activities.
- Classes Include:
 - April 7, 2026, 5pm-7pm: Department Orientation and Patrol Operations
 - April 14, 2026, 5pm-7pm: OUI Investigations
 - April 21, 2026, 5pm-7pm: Criminal Investigations and Crime Scene Processing
 - April 28, 2026, 5pm-7pm: Use of Force and Decision-Making
 - May 5, 2026, 5pm-7pm: Scenario-Based Training
 - May 12, 2026, 5pm-7pm: Specialty Units and Regional Resources
 - May 19, 2026, 5pm-7pm: Community Policing, Department Outreach, and Graduation

Participant Expectations: - Regular attendance is expected; participants should plan to attend all sessions. Active participation in discussions and activities is encouraged. Participants must follow all safety instructions at all times. Respectful behavior toward instructors, fellow participants, and department staff is required. Failure to comply with program expectations may result in removal from the academy.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be at least **18 years of age**
- Live, work, or own property in the town of York (or have a demonstrated connection to the town)
- Be willing to undergo a background check
- Be able to safely participate in hands-on activities
- Have no disqualifying criminal history
- Completed application packets must be submitted via email to mtaddei@yorkpolice.org or in person at the York Police Department by **February 28, 2026.**

*Acceptance into the academy is limited, and not all applicants may be selected.

Application Components

A complete application packet must include the following:

1. Application Form

- Completed and signed application **submitted by February 28, 2026.**

2. Required Applicant Information

3. Background Check Authorization

- Consent to conduct a local and/or state background check
- Two personal or professional references
 - References should not be immediate family members

4. Liability Waiver

- A signed waiver acknowledging the risks associated with participation in academy activities

5. Photo Release

- Authorization for photographs and video taken during the academy to be used for department purposes

6. Signed Application Submission

Required Applicant Information

- **Why do you want to attend the York Police Department Citizens Police Academy?**

- **What do you hope to learn or gain from participating in the academy?**

- **Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than a traffic infraction?**

No Yes (please explain the offense, when it occurred and final disposition and attach additional pages if needed):

- **Do you have any pending court cases? (Criminal or Civil)**

No Yes (please explain, attach additional pages if needed):

- **Do you have a valid driver's license?**

Yes No

- **Do you have any allergies, medical conditions or disabilities we should be aware of?**

No Yes (please explain):

- **How did you hear about the Citizens Police Academy?**

- **Are you a resident of York or own property in York?**

Yes (list property/properties)

No (Please explain your connection to York. Examples: owning a business in York, employment is in York, etc.)

- **Have you ever used a name other than the name provided in this application?**

No Yes (please list):

- **Emergency Contacts: Please list at least one emergency contact, in the order you would like them contacted in the event of emergency**

1. Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____

2. Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____

3. Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____

Background Check Authorization

Name: Last _____ First _____ MI _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ E-mail address: _____

Driver's License #: _____ State: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Employment Information:

If retired, please indicate as such and list your most recent employment

Occupation: _____

Business Name: _____

Business Phone: (_____) _____

Business Address: _____

City, State: _____

Character References (references cannot be family members)

Reference #1

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Reference #2

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I authorize the Police Department to conduct a background check for the purpose of evaluating my application for the Citizens Police Academy.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Liability Waiver

I understand that participation in the Citizens Police Academy may involve physical activity, demonstrations, and exposure to training environments. I voluntarily assume all risks associated with participation.

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. By signing below, I hereby authorized the York Police Department to make any investigation of my personal history deemed necessary for consideration to attend the York Police Department Citizens Police Academy. In consideration for being permitted to participate in the Citizens Police Academy, I voluntarily assume all risks associated with my participation. I agree to waive, release, and hold harmless the Town of York and the York Police Department, including their officers, employees, and agents, from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action that may arise from my participation in the program. This waiver applies to me, as well as my heirs, representatives, and assigns.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Photo Release

I grant permission to the Police Department to photograph and/or video record me during Citizens Police Academy activities. I understand these images may be used for department publications, social media, training, or public information purposes.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Application Submission & Contact Information

Completed application packets must be submitted via email to mtaddei@yorkpolice.org or in person at the York Police Department by **February 28, 2026**.

If you have questions about the Citizens Police Academy or the application process, please contact:

Community Engagement Detective Michael Taddei

Phone: 207-351-2721

Email: mtaddei@yorkpolice.org

Applicant Certification & Authorization

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. By signing below, I authorize the York Police Department to conduct any investigation of my personal history deemed necessary for consideration into the Citizens Police Academy.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

The York Police Department reserves the right to limit class size and select participants based on program goals, eligibility, and background review.