TRINIDAD POLICE CITIZEN'S ACADEMY INFORMATION

The Trinidad Police Citizen's Academy is a 10 week program designed to provide information about police functions to interested community members, debunk myths about law enforcement, and improve police-community relations by allowing students the opportunity to perform police activities in a controlled environment.

The Citizen's Academy will meet on Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Trinidad Police Department training room located at 160 E. 1st St. The first class is scheduled for February 9th, 2017 and graduation will be on April 13th.

The CPA is free to attend, but students are expected to contract with the Trinidad Police Department to provide 20 hours of volunteer service in the year after graduation. Volunteer activities include neighborhood watch programs, citizen patrols, parade detail, and special events security. Other volunteer opportunities exist in our numerous youth programs such as the Youth Council, TPD Explorers, Shop with a Cop, or the Life Skills program.

To participate in the CPA you must be 21 years of age, submit to a criminal background investigation, and obtain a sponsorship from a Trinidad Police Officer. The Trinidad Police Department reserves the right to deny an applicant based on adverse information obtained from the criminal history report.

The classes will be a mix of lecture and hands-on activities. Students will have opportunities to participate in the following simulated police activities:

Shoot/Don't Shoot Training Simulator
Felony Traffic Stop
Making Arrest Decisions
Deploy Less Lethal Munitions
SWAT Tactical Operation
Detecting Deception
Personal Protection
Collecting crime scene evidence

*** These activities are not physically strenuous, but are designed to challenge students psychologically and intellectually.**

Application packets can be picked up at the Trinidad Police Department, or via the Trinidad Police Department Facebook page and can be submitted in person or via email to:

kurt.larsen@trinidad.co.gov **candis.ruscetti@trinidad.co.gov**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO PARTNERING WITH YOU FOR A SAFER, HAPPIER TRINIDAD!

TRINIDAD POLICE CITIZENS' ACADEMY
MISSION STATEMENT AND POLICY

Mission Statement

To engage the community through a Citizens Academy thus enhancing the quality of living through improved police-community relations. Also to create a safer community, to increase community involvement, and to bring the Police and Community together, creating trust.

Purpose

The purpose of the Trinidad Police Department Citizen's Police Academy is to better inform citizens of the law enforcement function, debunk myths about policing, assist in the development of a police volunteer program, and to enhance police-community relations.

Enrollment Requirements

Interested candidates are required to:

1. Be at least 21 years old
2. Fill out a Citizen's Academy Enrollment Form
3. Obtain a sponsorship from a Trinidad Police Officer
4. Authorize a criminal background check

There is no charge to attend the Citizen's Academy, however students are expected to contract with the Trinidad Police Department for 5 hours of volunteer service each quarter for the first year after graduation. A Citizen's Police Academy Enrollment Form must be fully completed and submitted to include the sponsoring officer's signature before an acceptance evaluation can be determined. Once all application requirements are satisfied and acceptance evaluation is completed, a letter of confirmation will be sent to all qualified participants

Admission Standards

All applicants who will be attending the Trinidad Citizen's Police Academy will need to be free of adverse or serious criminal history information. Individuals possessing a felony conviction will be denied admittance. The Trinidad Police Department reserves the right to deny any applicant based on adverse information obtained from the criminal history report.

Attendance Standards

A class schedule will be sent to you prior to the start date. Unless otherwise instructed, all classes will be conducted at the location and time of notification. Participants are asked to commit to the full term of the course (typically 10 weeks), although consideration will be given for unforeseen conflicts. Classes meet Thursday nights during the term for 3 hours, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Participant Dress Code Standards

Participants are requested to dress appropriately. Comfortable and casual attire, neat in appearance, is advisable.

Participant Dismissal from the Academy

The Trinidad Police Department reserves the right to excuse or dismiss from class, and/or from any remaining classes of the Academy, any individual violating any provision or section of the standards and guidelines set forth in the Citizen's Police Academy policy.

Disclaimer

The Trinidad Police Citizens' Academy is not an official Police Academy and may not be transferrable. Graduates of the program will not be an official sworn-in officer.

Trinidad Police Department
2017 Citizens' Police Academy
Applicant Background Authorization

Name_____ **Address**_____
DOB _____ **Phone #**_____

Due to the sensitive nature of some subjects presented in the Trinidad Police Citizen's Academy, (TPCA) a criminal history check will be conducted on all individuals applying for admittance. This information is not collected for any purpose other than to determine eligibility for the academy.

The Trinidad Police Department reserves the right to deny attendance to any person if the results of the person's background investigation causes concern to the Citizen's Academy Coordinator. In addition, any person with a felony conviction will be denied attendance at the Trinidad Police Citizen's Academy.

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Citizen's Police Academy
Enrollment Form
Please Print

Date of Application _____/_____/_____

Name: _____/_____/_____
Last First MI

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Maiden Name

Date of Birth _____/_____/_____

Driver's License _____ _____ _____
Number State Expiration Date

Home Address _____
Street

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City State Zip Code

E-Mail Address _____

TPD Sponsor _____ _____
Officer's Printed Name Officer's Signature

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Applicant Signature

CITIZEN'S ACADEMY VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT

As a condition of my participation in the Trinidad Police Department Citizen's Police Academy, I agree to provide 20 hours of volunteer service to the Trinidad Police Department within one year of graduation. I am allowed to select an activity ***within my comfort level***, which is beneficial to the department and community at large from a list of activities provided to me by the department. A partial list of volunteer services are as follows:

1. Assist in implementing a neighborhood watch program
2. Conducting citizen patrols
3. Assist with traffic control during parades
4. Assist with special event such as Blues Fest, Artocade, etc.
5. Provide logistical support in times of critical incident response
6. Assist with any of our youth outreach programs such as:

Shop With a Cop
TPD Youth Council
TPD Explorers
Youth Life Skills Programs
Eddie Eagle Presentations

Additionally, I understand and agree to allow my image or likeness to be displayed in any and all Trinidad Police Department publications, including website, press releases, and social media without payment or other consideration

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Print Last, First, MI

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Signature