



FORT WALTON BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

What is it?

The Fort Walton Beach Police Department Citizen Police Academy is a 33 hour block of instruction designed to give the public a working knowledge of the Fort Walton Beach Police Department's personnel and policies. It consists of a series of classes, held once a week for 2 ½ hours. The instruction is comprehensive, covering a different area of the police department each week. Officers, supervisors and personnel assigned to a particular division, conduct each instructional block.

Who may attend?

The class is comprised of a cross-section of the Okaloosa County community. Doctors, architects, homemakers, laborers, students, secretaries, salespersons, social workers, and others are encouraged to apply for admission. The Academy is held once each year, more if necessary, in January. The minimum age for enrollment is 18 and you must live or work in Okaloosa County to be eligible to attend.

The Purpose

The Fort Walton Beach Citizen Police Academy was created in order to provide enough information to the citizens who attend so they may be make informed judgment about the police department and police activity. It is desired that the instruction will increase police awareness whereas to dispel suspicions and misconceptions and to increase police/community rapport through this educational process. The department, in turn, becomes more aware of the feelings and concerns of the community from the students' interaction and input. It is, indeed, a two-way learning experience.

Topics

The Fort Walton Beach Citizen Police Academy covers such diverse topics as training, communications, criminal investigations, DUI procedures, crime prevention, family violence, juvenile law, State Attorney's Office, Defense Attorneys, and others. Emphasis is placed on patrol activity as it is the area of public interest due to contact with patrol officers. Instruction in these topics will consist of lectures, demonstrations, tours, and hands-on experiences.

For More Information

If you live or work in Okaloosa County, are at least 18 years of age, and are interested in applying for admission to the Fort Walton Beach Police Department Citizen Police Academy, you may complete an application at the Police Department located at 7 Hollywood Boulevard NE or obtain an application from the City of Fort Walton Beach's website (fwb.org) and then either mail or turn the application in at the police department.



**FORT WALTON BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY
APPLICATION**

Please print legibly.

Name: _____

Name you preferred to be called: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home/Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

DL Number/State: _____

Date of Birth: _____

BACKGROUND:

Please explain briefly why you wish to be enrolled in the Fort Walton Beach Police Department Citizen's Police Academy. _____

Please list any associations, clubs or organizations you belong to or may be affiliated with.

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

List two (2) immediate family members or close friends that can be contacted in the event of an emergency.

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

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Address: _____ Phone: _____

REFERRALS:

Were you referred to the Citizen’s Police Academy? Yes _____ No _____

If so, by whom and what is their affiliation with the Citizen’s Police Academy or the Fort Walton Beach Police Department? _____

Please review your statements carefully, and read the statement below before signing this application.

“I hereby certify that there are no willful misrepresentations, omissions, or falsifications in the foregoing statement and answers to questions. I understand that any omission or false statement on this application shall be sufficient cause for rejection of enrollment or dismissal from the Fort Walton Beach Police Department Citizen’s Police Academy.

“I further understand that the Fort Walton Beach Police Department will be conducting a thorough background investigation that may include, but not limited to, any criminal history, employment history and personal references.”

Applicant’s Signature

Date

Return completed application to:

Sgt. Candy Galindo
Fort Walton Beach Police Department
Citizens Police Academy
C/O City Hall – Human Resources Dept.
107 Miracle Strip Parkway SW
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

FOR CITIZEN’S POLICE ACADEMY USE ONLY ...

Received By: _____ Date: _____