

How Will The Citizen Police Academy Improve Police and Community Co-operation?

We believe that the more information the public has about the police, the more citizens will be able to work in partnership with officers to control crime – police can't put an end to crime alone.

Often, conflicts between police and citizens are the result of misunderstanding or incorrect information on police policies and procedures. Through education, these conflicts can be reduced or eliminated.

We hope the graduates of the Citizen Police Academy will take their knowledge into the community and educate others when the opportunity arises, thereby helping to keep the City of West St. Paul and the City of Mendota Heights great places to live and work.

How Do I Apply?

Applications may be picked up at the West St. Paul or Mendota Heights Police Department's Administration Windows, Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm. The application is also on the websites listed below.

West St. Paul Police Department

1616 Humboldt Avenue

West St. Paul, MN 55118

651-552-4200

www.ci.west-saint-paul.mn.us

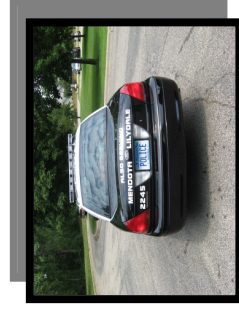
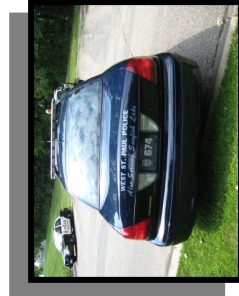
Mendota Heights Police Department

1101 Victoria Curve

Mendota Heights, MN 55118

651-452-1366

www.mendota-heights.com



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Who May Attend The Academy?

Any person who is at least 18 years old and either lives or owns a business in West St. Paul or Mendota Heights. All eligible applicants will be screened by conducting a criminal history check (a prior criminal conviction will not automatically disqualify an applicant).

Is There A Fee?

No. The academy is free to persons who either live or own a business in West St. Paul or Mendota Heights.

How Is The Class Conducted?

Students meet one night each week from 6:30pm to 9:30pm for 7 weeks. They receive a total of 21 hours of instruction from police officers and other criminal justice professionals.



What Areas Are Covered?

Lectures and demonstrations of the following subjects and others are included:

- Criminal Investigations/Search Seizure*
- Police Patrol Procedures*
- Defensive Tactics/Use of Force*
- Use of Firearms*
- Juvenile Issues*
- Traffic Enforcement*
- Police Communications*
- Crime Prevention*
- Community Relations*
- Tour of Police Facility/Ride Along*

How Can Information From This Academy Be Used By The Police and Citizens?

We hope that the Academy will be more than just a learning experience for participants. It is hoped that citizens will use this opportunity to share with us their information, ideas, and opinions on how to control and prevent crime in the community. Our officers are looking forward to working with and getting to know citizens outside of their normal law enforcement work environment.