

## Law Enforcement Oath of Honor

On my honor,  
I will never betray  
my badge,  
my integrity, my  
character,  
or the public  
trust.

I will always have  
the courage to hold myself  
and others accountable for  
our actions.

I will always uphold the con-  
stitution, my community and  
the agency I serve.



**Honor** means that one's word is given  
as a guarantee.

**Betray** is defined as breaking faith  
with the public trust.

**Badge** is the symbol of your office.

**Integrity** is being the same person in  
both private and public life.

**Character** means the qualities that  
distinguish an individual.

**Public trust** is a charge of duty im-  
posed in faith toward those you serve.

**Courage** is having the strength to  
withstand unethical pressure, fear or  
danger.

**Accountability** means that you are  
answerable and responsible to your  
oath of office.

**Community** is the jurisdiction and  
citizens served.

## Citizens Police Academy Curriculum

### Class Topics

Ethics/Honor

Criminal Law, Traffic, Juvenile System

Human Skills  
Human Diversity

Crisis Intervention

Defensive Tactics—Use of Force  
Patrol Procedures

Firearms  
Patrol Procedures

Vehicle Stops/Vehicle Operations

Specialized Units:  
K9, Drug Task Force, SERT

Crime Scene

Open Forum/Current Issues

### *Metro-Area Citizens Police Academy*

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Police Department for  
an application

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## *General Information*



**Building Stronger Communities  
through Cooperation**

**St. Cloud Police Department  
St. Joseph Police Department  
Sartell Police Department  
Sauk Rapids Police Department  
Waite Park Police Department**

## Why?

In an effort to assist the community in better understanding police training, procedures and

philosophy, the Metro Chiefs Association offers an eleven week Citizens Police Academy (CPA) to all citizens and members of local civic and governmental organizations. Participants of the Citizens Police Academy are given the opportunity to experience first hand many areas of police-training. The classes offered closely parallel the training curriculum that police officer candidates experience and are “mini-capsules” of the entire basic training program. It is imperative that participants understand that the CPA is solely informative and in no way trains or promotes citizens to act in a law enforcement capacity.

The CPA will be held at the St. Cloud Police Department’s Facility, one night a week (Thursday) for four hours from 6 to 10 pm. There is no cost to the citizen, and all materials are provided. We realize one night a week for 11 weeks is a tremendous sacrifice on your part, however, we feel the hours spent with us could be the greatest contribution you could make towards creating new



partnerships between citizens and police. The CPA will provide a meal at 5:30 pm every night at no cost to the participant.

***“We want the participant to ‘feel’ what today’s officers feel, and experience the true reality of police work.”***

Your local Departments want to strengthen our common bond of trust and understanding, and by sharing how and why officers are trained, many myths and misunderstandings can be dispelled. In the past, police departments have traditionally allowed television and movies to describe the role of the police. This has led to distorted images and expectations of the police by the general public. We feel the Metro-Area Police Departments are some of the most progressive and innovative departments in the State, and it is only fitting we would offer a no holds barred approach to the CPA. The CPA is not a self-aggrandizing program, nor is it a program designed to elicit sympathy for the police. We want to discuss with you our success and our problems. We want the participant to “feel” what today’s officers feel, and experience the true reality of police work. After experiencing the CPA, graduates are invited to join a CPA Alumni Association; where they will be exposed to advanced police training, meaningful volunteer opportunities and a forum where graduates can utilize their new knowledge of police work

to discuss current problems in the area from an informed perspective.

All applicants will be screened via a records clearance check prior to acceptance into the program.

## **Take the challenge - join the Citizens Police Academy**



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