



# La Porte Police Department Citizen Police Academy



## What is the Citizen Police Academy?

The La Porte Police Department Citizen Police Academy is a 12-week program intended to help educate the citizens of La Porte County in the function and operation of the police department. The classes are taught by sworn police officers from throughout the department.

Classes will be held once a week, for three hours in the evening. Participants are encouraged to express their views and concerns to the members of the department as well as their fellow citizens. **ALL CLASSES ARE FREE.**

## Purpose of the Citizen Police Academy

The purpose of the Citizen Police Academy is to create better communication between the police department and the citizens of La Porte County through education. Graduates of this program will be better informed, and have a greater understanding of police procedure and practices.

## Selection Requirements and Criteria

Must be a La Porte County resident, or work in La Porte City Police jurisdiction.

Must be at least 21 years of age.

Must have *NO Felony convictions.*

Must have *NO Misdemeanor convictions within 3 years.*

Be willing to undergo a background investigation.

\*All Citizen Police Academy participants must be approved by the Chief of Police/  
Board of Captains.

\*\*Any of the above criteria is subject to change at the discretion of the Chief of Police.

## Topics Covered:

Recruitment/Training, Criminal/Traffic Law, Use Of Force, Communications, Accident Investigation, Crime Scene Processing, Defensive Tactics, and Traffic Stops/Vehicle Operations. Presentations will also be given by members of the Bike Patrol, K-9 Officers, and SWAT.

Participants will also have the option to participate in a ride-along with an officer on patrol.