

**NOTE: This class is for citizen education; it is NOT for police recruitment.**

For police recruitment information, visit [jobs.chandlerazpd.gov](http://jobs.chandlerazpd.gov), and click on Search Jobs Now.

### Completion Requirements

- No more than 2 absences
- Adhere to all informational goals of the academy
- (Recommended) Complete one shift of either:
  - A 5 hour ride-along with a Chandler Police Officer; or
  - A 4 hour sit-along observing in the Dispatch Center

### After the Academy

Upon graduation, Citizens Police Academy Alumni are eligible to join — should they desire — the Citizens Police Academy Association of Chandler (CPAAC).

CPAAC provides an opportunity for alumni to stay connected and informed with the Chandler Police Department through ongoing education and additional presentations.

Additionally, CPAAC provides the opportunity for Citizens Academy alumni to “give back” by being ambassadors of goodwill between the community and Chandler Police Department. This includes activities such as volunteering during community events, spreading the knowledge gained during both the Citizens Police Academy and ongoing updates/presentations, participating in fundraisers to aide our police in certain situations, and more.

A CPAAC representative will attend your graduation ceremony to provide more information, as well as answer any questions you may have.

## Additional Programs

The Chandler Police Department offers many additional programs to citizens of the community. Most programs are complimentary and are offered at various times throughout the year. These programs include:

- Personal Safety Awareness Presentations
- Rape Aggression Defense for Women
- Child Fingerprinting Clinics
- Guardian Academy
- Return Me Safe Program
- Dog Walker Watch Program
- Bicycle Registration & Licensing
- Youth Academy
- Chandler Police Cadet Program for Youths
- Vacation Watch
- Neighborhood Watch Setup Assistance
- Volunteers in Policing
- Senior Lock Box Program
- And more!

Visit [chandlerazpd.gov](http://chandlerazpd.gov) for more information on these and other programs.



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# Citizens Police Academy

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Chandler Police Department's "Citizens Police Academy" (CPA) is a no-cost program offering Chandler community members an inside look at their Police Department and law enforcement operations. The CPA provides participants with an understanding of the operations and resources of the Chandler Police Department. Participants will interact with police executives, veteran officers, and civilian employees during the academy. The goal of the CPA is to provide a greater awareness and understanding of law enforcement's role in our community.



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## History

On September 21, 1994, the Chandler Police Department began its first Citizens Police Academy. A revolutionary concept in Law Enforcement and Police/Community Relations, the academy was created as part of the continuing program to develop citizen awareness and understanding of the role of law enforcement. It is designed for citizens of all backgrounds and occupations.

The goal of the Citizens Police Academy is to give citizens a better understanding of the guidelines within which an officer functions and a better understanding of why officers handle situations as they do. The academy combines instruction in police procedures and theory with practical hands-on scenarios.



The Citizens Police Academy continues on today, towards Chandler Police Department's commitment of community policing.

## Who May Attend?

To be eligible, candidates must:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Work, Live, or attend school in the City of Chandler
- Commit to a 12 - 13 week class (one night per week; see class schedule)
- Have no prior felony convictions
- Have no misdemeanor arrests within six months of application
- Consent to criminal record and driving status checks
- Pass a background check conducted by the Chandler Police Department

The Chandler Police Department reserves the right to deny acceptance to any applicant.

## Program Overview

Topics presented in Chandler Police Citizen's Academy may include:

- Behavioral Health
- Police Communications (with tour)
- Human Trafficking
- Forensics
- Sex Crimes
- Real Time Operations
- Robbery & Homicide
- Drugs/Narcotics
- K-9 Unit
- Firearms & Training Simulator
- Traffic Laws & Enforcement
- SWAT (with tour)
- Use of Force

## How Often And Where Does The Citizens Police Academy Meet?

The Citizens Academy meets each Wednesday night for 12 - 13 consecutive weeks from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. There are two academies each year beginning in February and August. Most classes are held at the Chandler Police Department main station, although some may be held at alternate locations as needed.



## How Much Does It Cost?

The Chandler Police Department provides the Citizens Academy at no cost to participants, and provides all necessary class materials.

All we ask is that participants share their gained knowledge with their family, friends, and community in the future.

## How Do I Apply?

Applications are accepted online beginning 30 days before each academy. For upcoming openings, visit [chandlerazpd.gov](http://chandlerazpd.gov), (click Community>Crime Prevention Program>Citizen's Police Academy). When there are openings available, an enrollment link will be accessible. Class size is limited and fills quickly.