



## CITY OF LAKE JACKSON POLICE DEPARTMENT



# Citizen Police Academy

## Origins of the Citizen Police Academy

The concept of the Citizen Police Academy was developed in 1977 in England to familiarize private citizens with the nature of police work and the organization of the police system.

## Citizen Insight

The Adult Citizen Police Academy is a ten-week course designed to give citizens a better understanding of Lake Jackson Police Department. Each week, on Thursday evenings from 6-8:30 p.m., a different division of the Police Department provides instruction and demonstrations, giving an insight into the specific aspects and duties required to maintain the professional and premier law enforcement standards expected of our agency.

## Classes & Ride-Alongs

Classes will consist of one or more of the following: lectures, demonstrations, case studies, and hands-on practice. In addition to the Thursday night instruction, most students have the opportunity to participate in a ride-along with a patrol officer on a Friday or Saturday night shift.

Students will have the rare opportunity to visit various areas of the Police Department that are not normally open to the public. The Lake Jackson Police Department CPA is taught in an atmosphere that encourages the students to meet and talk with many officers throughout the department.

## Academy Goals

Our goal is to help our citizens have a better understanding how we do our jobs, why certain practices are the industry standard, and to learn, from you the student, how we can better serve our community. Through this program, we hope you will take the knowledge gained into the community and educate others when the opportunity arises.

## Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants are required to undergo a background check.

- Applicants accepted into the Adult Citizen Police Academy will receive written notification.

## Disqualifications:

- Any Felony or Class A misdemeanor conviction (Permanent Disqualifier).
- Any Class B misdemeanor conviction within the past 10 years.
- Any outstanding warrants or pending court hearings, or any conviction of the following: issuance of bad check, public lewdness, theft or any other crime of “moral turpitude.”
- All disqualifiers shall remain concurrent to and consistent with the Texas Department of Public Safety’s TCIC/TLETS access policy.

## Alumni Association

Upon completing the Citizen Police Academy, the participants will have the opportunity to join the Lake Jackson Police Department Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association. The Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association works with the Lake Jackson Police Department to provide assistance with special projects and functions as a liaison between the Police Department and the community. The Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association is a non-political, non-profit, tax-exempt organization.

## More Information

For more information about the Lake Jackson Citizen Police Academy contact Officer N. Ross at 979-415-2776 or email at [nross@lakejacksonpd.net](mailto:nross@lakejacksonpd.net)

The application can be located on the Lake Jackson Police Department website on the Citizen Police Academy link. Please complete the application and email it to [nross@lakejacksonpd.net](mailto:nross@lakejacksonpd.net) or deliver it in person to the Lake Jackson Police Department.

# APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

## Lake Jackson Police Department Citizen Police Academy

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last, First, Middle initial)

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number) (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Drivers License: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number) (State)

Place of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Work address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number) (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Have you ever been arrested for, or convicted of, or cited for a criminal offense other than a traffic offense? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain in detail, listing appropriate dates, charges, places and action taken.

Note: A felony or family violence conviction will disqualify an applicant from attending the Citizen Police Academy.

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(If additional space is needed, please use an additional page and attach it to this application)

Please provide an email address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please review your answers 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 statements and answers to questions. I understand that any omission or false statements on this application shall be sufficient cause for rejection of enrollment or dismissal from the Lake Jackson Citizen Police Academy.

I further understand that the Lake Jackson Police Department will be conducting a thorough background investigation that may include, but is not limited to criminal history, driving record, photocopy of driver’s license and short interview. I also understand that any student may be removed from the Lake Jackson Citizen Police Academy if said student is disruptive or otherwise brings discredit upon the concept of this program”.

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Applicant’s signature Date

Return completed applications to:  
Lake Jackson Police Department  
Attn: Officer N. Ross  
5 Oak Drive  
Lake Jackson, TX 77566

For Police staff use only:  Received by: _____ Date: _____  Background completed: _____ _____
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