

Hawthorne Police Department

Citizens' Academy

The Hawthorne Police Department Citizens' Academy will provide community members with an inside look at the Police Department and all facets of law enforcement

During the academy students will be introduced to a variety of topics such as identity theft, use of force, criminal law, investigations, patrol procedures, communications, gangs, drug enforcement, firearms and tactics simulator and drug education. As part of the curriculum students will be scheduled to ride along with a police officer.

Purpose:	Academy Schedule:	Selection Procedure:
The Citizens' Academy will give community members an overview of the police department policies & procedures. The curriculum and teaching methods are similar to the traditional police academy, but the weekly sessions are not designed to make the participant a police officer.	The length of the Citizens' Academy is 10 weeks. Class meets one evening a week, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The Academy will culminate with a graduation ceremony upon completion of the program. Family and friends are welcome to attend.	The Chief, through an application process, selects Citizens' Academy participants. Enrollment is limited to approximately 25 students per academy class. For more information, please call the Hawthorne Police Department's Community Affairs Unit at (310) 349-2822.
Instructors:	Requirements:	Partial Curriculum:
Police executives and veteran officers teach academy classes. Participants will have the opportunity to meet with the Chief of Police and staff members. They are encouraged to ask questions and to express their concerns to police employees. The Hawthorne Police Department hopes there will be a greater awareness and understanding of law enforcement's role in the community through the education provided by the Citizens' Academy.	<p>Candidates for the Citizens' Academy must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum age of 21 years • Live or work in Hawthorne • No prior felony convictions • No misdemeanor arrests within one year of application <p>The Chief of Police may waive any of the requirements.</p>	Criminal Investigations, Identity Theft, Sex Offenders, Traffic Operations, Criminal Laws, Patrol Deployment, CSI, Narcotics, Gangs, Citizen Complaints, Use of Force & Pursuit Driving, School resource Officer, Anti-Terrorism efforts, Specialized Units (K-9), Tactical Team) and Communications Center.

Applications are currently being accepted for the next class (TBD)



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