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Ride-along with a police officer.

*"One of the best parts of the program was the opportunity to personally ride throughout Shorewood with some of the officers during their shifts. You got a hands-on feel for how officers deal with the public and developed a better understanding of the challenges of the job."*

- Bruce K., Program Participant



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## CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY

## SHOREWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT





# WELCOME TO SHOREWOOD'S CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY

The Citizens' Police Academy is a 10-week program designed to give participants a working knowledge of the Shorewood Police Department. The Academy consists of a series of classes and discussions held once per week on a designated weekday evening from 7 until approximately 10 p.m. Each class size is limited to 15 students, and there is no cost to anyone who enrolls.

Police Academy classes provide an in-depth view into various areas of law enforcement. This educational and informative program offers citizens the opportunity to learn about issues that affect law enforcement efforts in the Village of Shorewood, and how to develop a partnership with the Police Department.

## GOALS OF THE CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

- To create a better understanding and communication between the citizens and police through education.
- To develop a partnership between the citizens and police in order to establish a safer community.

## WHY DO WE HOST A CITIZENS' ACADEMY?

Community-oriented policing plays an important and vital role in reducing crime in any community. To that end, the Shorewood Police Department offers a Citizens' Police Academy to improve communication and obtain citizen input and support throughout the village. An objective of the program is to have graduates become partners with the Police Department to identify problems and solutions to crime issues that affect the Village of Shorewood. Graduates will take their knowledge back to their neighborhoods where they can use it to enhance the quality of life in Shorewood.



## BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM

When residents take a more personal interest in their community and the protection of their neighborhoods, they will enjoy a safer and closer relationship with their neighbors. They will also develop a deeper understanding of law enforcement. Upon completion of the course, graduates receive a certificate for framing and a class photo.

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Individuals who apply for the Shorewood Police Department Citizens' Police Academy must meet the following requirements:

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Must live, work or own property within the Village of Shorewood – or be interested in a career in law enforcement and/or be enrolled in a criminal justice program.
- Must not be a convicted felon or have a lengthy or violent criminal history. Persons who have had numerous police contacts may also be denied.

The Citizens' Academy is not a physically demanding program. Adults of all ages are encouraged to apply.

The Shorewood Police Department will conduct a criminal history check on each applicant and reserves the right to deny anyone entry to the academy based on findings of the background check.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Participants should attend all class sessions. In addition to the classroom sessions, each participant must log a minimum of eight hours of ride-along with a patrol unit during the 10-week course.

**Contact the Shorewood Police Department for dates of the next Police Academy.**

Applications are available on the Police Department website or at the Shorewood Police Department.

**Visit [villageofshorewood.org/police](http://villageofshorewood.org/police) for more info.**

*"The officers took great pride in presenting a fascinating look at police work, and provided insights into our own department's day-to-day operations. My respect for our police officers only deepened when I learned the details of their jobs and their commitment to Shorewood."*

– John R., Program Participant

