

## Ever had any of these questions?

- What do officers do all day in addition to writing tickets?
- Why do officers make the decisions they make?
- What kinds of resources does Fairfax County offer our police officers?
- How safe am I?
- How can I contribute to public awareness and police community relations?
- How can my community benefit from knowing the answers to these questions?

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***The Fairfax County Police Department is offering a ten-week Citizens Police Academy (CPA). The CPA has been designed to give attendees a better understanding of the operation of the Police Department and a greater awareness of the daily challenges faced by our officers.***

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## ***A Glimpse Behind The Badge***



**Fairfax County  
Police Department**

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**CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY**

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**2015**

## Citizens Police Academy

The Citizens Police Academy is a 35-hour program designed to provide members of the public a unique "glimpse behind the badge." Attendees will be afforded the opportunity to learn about departmental resources, programs, and, most importantly, the men and women who comprise an organization nationally recognized as a leader in the law enforcement community.

Students will learn more about the breadth of resources involved in preventing and solving crime and the daily challenges faced by police officers. Courses will be held on ten Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The final class will be on a Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Class locations will rotate to various police facilities throughout the county.

### Students will learn about:

- 911 call center
- Traffic stops
- Crime prevention programs
- Station level programs
- Probable cause and use of force
- Crime scene investigations
- Patrol
- Police helicopter capabilities
- Animal control
- Organized crime and narcotics issues
- Explosive ordnance team (Bomb Squad)
- Swat team
- Gangs
- Internal affairs

*"The Citizens Police Academy was an unforgettable experience. Before this class I had no idea what police do on a daily basis. This class makes you proud to live in Fairfax County and truly increases your appreciation for the extremely hard work our Officers do to protect us."*

~ Student of the  
CPA Charter Class



## How Do I Apply?

There are four (4) ways to request an application or more information:

- (1) Fill out this form and return it using this self-mailer
- (2) Call us: **(703) 280-0713**
- (3) E-mail us: [CPA@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:CPA@fairfaxcounty.gov)
- (4) Download an application online: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/services/citizens-police-academy.htm>

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Requirements

Class size is limited to 40 students. Applicants are required to live or work in Fairfax County, must be 18 years of age, and provide their own transportation to and from training. Acceptance is subject to review of applicant's criminal record and police contact history. Due to the popularity of the program, only two (2) class absences are permitted.