



CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY APPLICATION

April 1 – June 3, 2020, Wednesdays, 6:30pm - 9:30pm

The Springfield Police Department is inviting applicants to attend its Citizen Police Academy. Applicants must be 18 years or older. Preference will be given to Springfield residents and people doing business in Springfield. The academy course is designed for citizens from all backgrounds or occupations.

The Springfield Citizen Police Academy is a long established and important police/community relations program. It is designed to provide citizens with a better understanding of the nature of police work and to provide citizens with the opportunity to interact with department members in a non-emergency setting. It is also an opportunity for citizens to provide input on police policy, practice and procedure.

The 30-hour training program consists of classroom and "hands-on" instruction. Topics covered include the officer selection and training process, the job of the uniformed patrol officer, investigation skills, tactical operation, and the canine unit, use of firearms, narcotics, communications, and crime scene search. Students will be actively involved in many interesting activities, such as touring police facilities, using police equipment, and firing department-issued weapons.

Graduates of this course will not be police officers, but will be better-informed citizens. The graduates will be in a position to relate their experiences to friends, and co-workers.

The course is free. Each applicant must answer each question on the attached application form. If the question does not apply, state the reason why it does not apply. To graduate, each student must attend at least eight of the ten classes. Therefore, prior to applying, applicants must determine whether or not they can attend the minimum number of classes for graduation.

Classes will be held weekly on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., the first class will be held April 1, and will continue through June 3.

If you are interested in attending the academy, please complete the attached application, and the release, indemnification and hold harmless agreement. Return both pages to the Springfield Police Department **prior to March 9, 2020**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Christopher Solares at 541-726-3731, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. You will be notified regarding your acceptance to the academy by March 23.

Thank you for your interest in the Springfield Citizen Police Academy.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Lewis".

Richard Lewis
Chief of Police

(Keep this page) Return completed application form and the Release form (pages 2 & 3) to the Springfield Police Dept., Attn: Citizen Police Academy, 230 Fourth Street, Springfield, OR 97477, by March 9, 2020.

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**SPRINGFIELD CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
Spring 2020**

Name: _____
(PRINT) Last First Middle (full name) Maiden/Other

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Social Security Number _____ Drivers' License No. _____

Address _____

_____ *City State Zip*

Phone Nos.: Home: _____ Preferred Contact
Cell: _____ Preferred Contact
Work: _____ Preferred Contact

Email: _____

Emergency contact: _____ Phone: _____

Occupation *(if retired, what was your primary occupation)* _____

Employer _____

Have you ever been arrested or charged with a crime? Yes___ No___

If Yes, Please Explain: _____

How did you hear about the Academy? _____

Have you applied previously for this academy? Yes___ No___ If Yes - When? _____

What do you expect to gain from attending this Academy? _____

What experience have you had with police? Positive___ Negative___ In between___

Please explain: _____

AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

As an applicant for the Springfield Citizen Police Academy, I hereby authorize the Springfield Police Department to conduct a criminal history background investigation. I understand that such background investigation is being conducted due to the content of the classes given at the Academy.

I understand that all available police and criminal records will be checked and that information will be used in determining eligibility of applicants for the Citizen Police Academy. All information is to remain confidential as required by Oregon and Federal Statutes.

I certify the information in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that false or misleading statements or missing information is cause for rejection of application, removal of name from eligible list, or dismissal from the program. I hereby waive my rights to claims or damages against any employer and the City of Springfield, its officers, agents, and employees, in regard to this exchange of information concerning my background. I hereby authorize and direct you to permit the Springfield Police Department to review my criminal records and DMV records prior to my acceptance into the Citizen Police Academy. I also authorize any materials listed above to be copied and retained by the City of Springfield and or the Springfield Police Department. I authorize the use of my photograph.

STUDENT AGREEMENT

I understand space is limited. The program allows only twenty students to participate in the Citizen Police Academy. Therefore, I agree to attend at least 8 of the 10 scheduled sessions. Additionally, I agree to arrive promptly, complete and return the evaluation form for each session.

**RELEASE, INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS
AGREEMENT FOR CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY**

I, in consideration for the privilege of participation in the Citizen Police Academy recognize such activity involves inherent risks and dangers. I do hereby agree to assume all risks associated with participation in the Citizen Police Academy of the City of Springfield.

I will defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Springfield, its officers, employees, and agents from and against all liability or loss and against any and all claims, actions, causes of actions, proceedings or appeals based upon or arising out of or arising from or in connection with my conduct, actions or performance as a Police Academy participant with the City of Springfield including but not limited to damage or injury to persons or property including without limitation attorney fees and expenses; except for losses, claims or actions resulting from the sole negligence of the City of Springfield.

Signature

Date

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION BY MARCH 9, 2020 to the Springfield Police Dept., Attn: Citizen Police Academy, 230 Fourth Street, Springfield, OR 97477.