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A History of Excitement



What began as an out-reach by the Plano Police Department in 1992, has grown into a continuing program. The CPA is offered 2 times per year.

The “word of mouth” advertising has created an on-going demand for classes. The enthusiasm created by the class is carried forward by the alumni. The CPA Alumni Association has grown in membership to over 150 active members, which are involved in numerous police related community service activities.

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For further information on The Citizens Police Academy and enrollment, please contact:

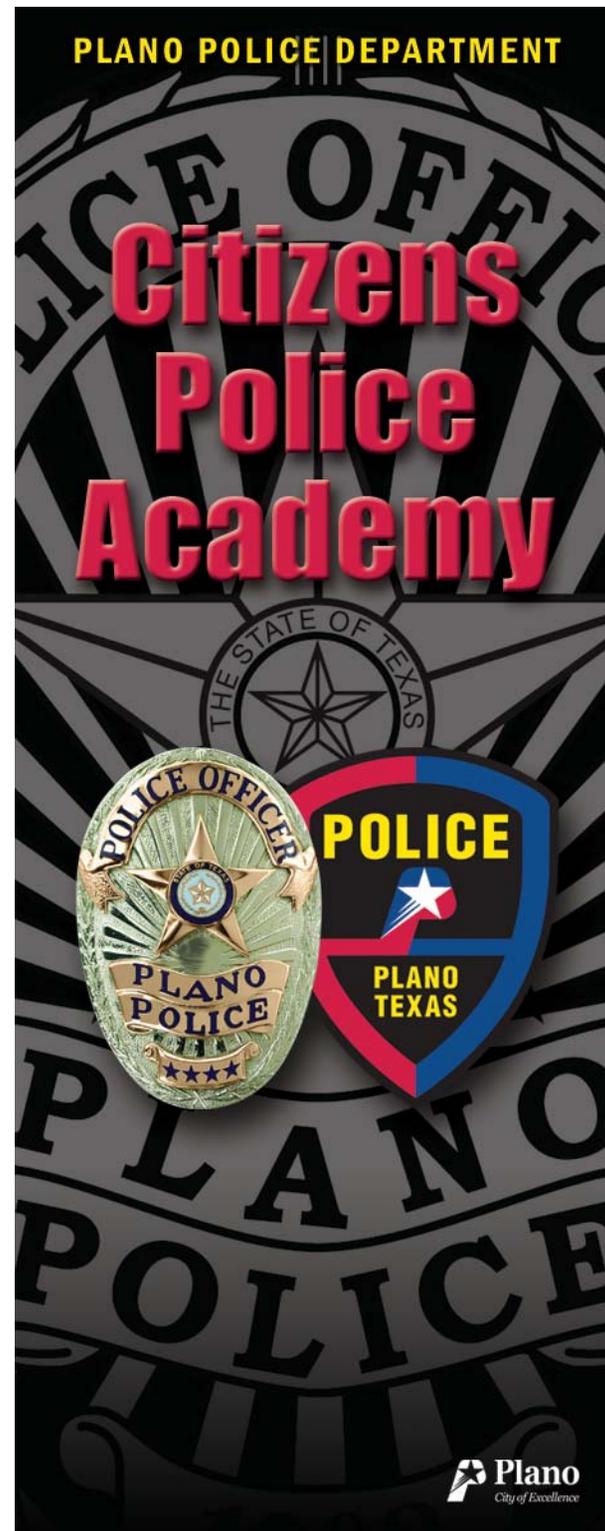
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The Citizens Police Academy

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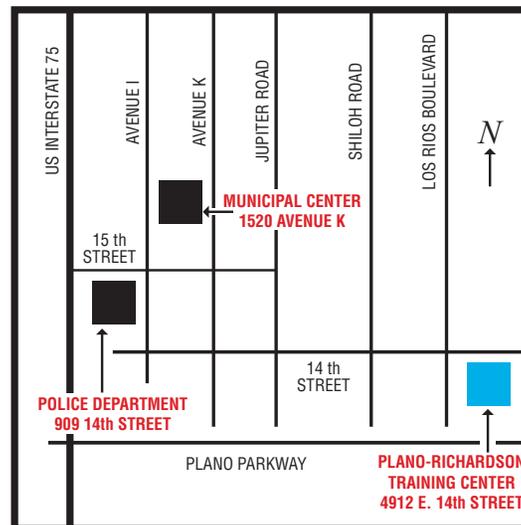
The Citizens Police Academy (CPA) is led by the Crime Prevention Unit, with all lectures and activities taught by police officers whose current assignments are directly involved in the policing activities covered in their segment of the Academy. The CPA is conducted at the Plano-Richardson Police Training Center. The equipment used during the CPA is the same equipment used to train police officers.



What Are the Subjects

- Burglary Investigation
- Crimes Against Person Investigation
- Crime Prevention
- Department Philosophy
- Emergency Response Team Operations
- Firearm Safety
- Internal Affairs
- K-9 Policing
- Narcotics Enforcement
- Neighborhood Policing
- Recruiting, Ethics and Training
- Tactical Driving
- Tactical Situation Response
- Traffic Patrol
- 911 Operations -Tour

These subjects are supplemented by numerous "real life" experiences of your hosts and presenters.



Testimonials

Nigel Reed, CPA Class #35

"As a citizen of Plano, I feel it's my job to know how the city is policed and see which ways we can help and be involved. The CPA classes covered a wide range of police activities and now I realize what a difficult but rewarding job it is."

Jerry & Sandra Davis, CPA Class #41

"I, having lived here approximately 15 years, had never felt as a member of the community; it was just a place to live and work. My wife and I, nearing graduation, now feel as official members of the city. This class has changed our lives. It was fun, educational, and informative about many issues and yes, did I mention fun. I was overwhelmed with the whole experience. I do not have the words to adequately describe all of the emotions we have felt during the class." – Excerpt from letter to Chief Rushin.

Betty Phillips, CPA Class #38

"At first I signed up for the CPA classes because I thought it would be interesting to learn how the police work and serve. After I went through the classes, hearing what all they do, going through the Shoot Don't Shoot night, going on a rideout, I realized how much possible danger is out there when they make a call. They serve to make our community safe for us by standing in harms way for us all. I appreciate them so much more and believe everyone should attend these informative, interesting classes.....and you get to experience driving a police car."

Bob Rippner, CPA Class #41

"The main reason for taking the class was to learn first hand what it is like being a police officer. Besides the classroom, the ride-a-longs really focused on what these officers do day in and day out. I learned that they are not the enemy and are real people like us with the same problems and life experiences that we too go through. These officers are true professionals and very good people. My respect and admiration for these brave men and women has soared and I recommend the academy to everyone I can. I talk about the academy to all my friends and neighbors and recommend it to them all. Very informative and extremely enjoyable."

Tim Barron, CPA Class #41

"The Citizens Police Academy is an entertaining and memorable experience that teaches citizens how complex and challenging police work is. Academy graduates will gain new respect for the vital duties performed by the police department and will experience a greater sense of connection with the community."