

Montgomery Citizens Police Academy



Class 2021-02

Classes will start 10/12/21 & end 12/14/21. Classes will be held every Tuesday for 10 weeks from approximately 630pm-830pm.



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What is the Citizens Police Academy?

Are you interested in getting an up-close look at what police do? The Citizens Police Academy is a 10-week program, one block of instruction per week, designed to give participants an understanding of the operation of the Montgomery Police Department and a working knowledge of what law enforcement is all about. The academy classes are held once a week, every Tuesday, and are approximately 2 hours in duration. The classes will be held at the Montgomery Police Department from approximately 6:30pm-8:30pm and each class will be limited to 20 students, so register early. There is no cost for residents to participate.

Each class will provide an overview of various areas of law enforcement. Classes will be given on the following topics:

- ❖ History of The Montgomery Police Department
- ❖ Qualifications/hiring process
- ❖ Communications
- ❖ Laws of arrest, search, and Seizure
- ❖ Patrol Functions, DUI enforcement
- ❖ Traffic enforcement practicals
- ❖ Investigations
- ❖ Gang/Drug Information
- ❖ Presentation and hands on evidence processing experience
- ❖ Optional Ride-a-long
- ❖ Crime Prevention
- ❖ Gun Laws/Safety
- ❖ Information on special units (SRT, CPAT, ILEAS)

Several demonstrations will take place during the academy, in which attendees will be allowed to participate.

The academy will conclude with a graduation ceremony and each participant will receive a certificate of completion.



Why Participate?

The Montgomery Police Department adheres to the philosophy of Community Oriented Policing and is committed to developing partnerships with citizens of the Village. The Citizens Police Academy provides an opportunity for citizens to develop direct lines of communication with the Police Department. The citizens participating in the academy will have a working knowledge of the Montgomery

Police Department and its functions. It is hoped that the instruction will strengthen police-community rapport through an educational process, increase understanding of police practices and procedures, and dispose of misconceptions. The police department in turn, becomes more aware of the concerns and questions of the community it serves.

Who Can Attend?

Participants must be at least 18 years of age and reside in the Village of Montgomery. They must be of good moral character with no felony convictions. There will be a criminal history review conducted on each applicant prior to acceptance into the academy. An application for the academy must be completed and signed along with a waiver of liability. You will be notified when you are accepted into the Citizen Police Academy.

What the Academy is NOT

The Citizens Police Academy is not designed to make participants certified police officers. The participation and completion of the academy is designed to develop partnerships with the community. Graduating from the academy does not grant police authority to participants.

Attendance

You are expected to attend all sessions in order to graduate. We understand that emergencies do occur. If you are unable to attend a session, please call Commander Palko, 331-212-9054. More than two absences and you will not be allowed to graduate. Out of courtesy to the instructor(s) and your fellow students, please arrive on time.

To Apply to the Citizens Academy

If you are interested in applying for Citizen Police Academy you can pick up an application at the Montgomery Police Department, email us, or download it online through the Village of Montgomery website on the Montgomery Police Department's page. Please return all applications to the Montgomery Police Department to Commander Palko by 4:00 pm on September 17th, 2021. You will be notified if you are selected to participate in the Montgomery Citizen's Police Academy by September 24th, 2021.

For any questions or further information please feel free to contact Commander Liz Palko, (palko@ci.montgomery.il.us) at 331-212-9054.



Montgomery Police Department

Citizens Police Academy Application Form



Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Date of Birth _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

Driver's License Number _____ State _____

E-mail _____

Business or Occupation _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

FOID card Yes _____ No _____ If yes, FOID card number _____

Concealed Carry Permit Yes _____ No _____ If yes, Permit number _____

Have you ever been arrested? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, give the name of the arresting agency, date of arrest and the charges placed against you.

Please describe why you want to attend this program:

How did you hear about the Citizen's Police Academy?



Montgomery Police Department Waiver of Liability



The information provided throughout this application form is factual and accurate. I agree and understand that any deliberate misleading, false or omission of any material facts may disqualify me to attend the Citizen's Police Academy. I authorize the Montgomery Police Department to run a criminal history check as part of the background investigation. I have read the program description for the Montgomery Citizens Police Academy and understand that this training program will not authorize me to carry a firearm or exercise peace officer powers if I am allowed to participate. I hold harmless the Montgomery Police Department, the village, their officers, agency and employees from any liability which may be incurred by them proximately resulting from any acts by me during the program. I further understand that the Montgomery Police Department will be conducting this training free of costs and that my only obligation is make every reasonable effort to attend and participate in all sessions. My signature below acknowledges my understanding and agreement.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Printed Name of Applicant

Please return this signed application and the release of liability to:
Commander Liz Palko
Montgomery Police Department
10 Civic Center Ave
Montgomery, IL 60538

Montgomery Police Department

Citizen Police Academy

Release, Waiver & Hold Harmless Agreement



Name of Participant _____

In consideration of the benefits that I do hereby release the Village of Montgomery, its officials, agents, volunteers and employees (hereinafter collectively referring to the "Village") from any and all liability relating to my participation in this program. I further agree to waive and relinquish all claims I may have or accrue to as a result of participating in this program/activity against the Village, including without limitation claims, demands, actions or cause of action I have on account of any and all injuries and damage to me or to my property, or my death, arising out of or related to any happening or occurrence while or because my participation in the academy. I further agree to defend, indemnify and hold the Village harmless for any claim or loss including attorney's fees made against the Village resulting from my participation in this program.

I recognize and acknowledge that there are risks of physical and other injuries to participants in this program, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any and all injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity, I may sustain as a result of said participation.

I have read and fully understand the warning of risk, assumption of risk and waiver and release of all claims.

The terms thereof shall be in full force and effect during the period of my participation in the Montgomery Police Department Citizen Police Academy.

Signature of Participant _____ Date ____/____/____

State of _____

County of _____

Subscribe and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this ____ day of _____, 20__ by _____
proved to me on

the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.