



# PRINCE WILLIAM

Police Department

## COMMUNITY POLICE ACADEMY



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NATIONALLY ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

## WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY POLICE ACADEMY?

The Community Police Academy gives residents an overview of the Prince William County Police Department. Graduates of the course will have a better understanding of the operation of the Department, and a greater awareness and appreciation of the challenges and decisions faced by police officers each day.

The six-week program meets one night a week and consists of classroom and hands-on instruction. Topics to be covered include virtually every aspect of police work including:

- **Patrol Operations**
- **Criminal Investigations**
- **Tactical Operations**
- **Crime Scene Management**
- **Professional Standards**
- **Special Operations**

In addition, participants will be given the opportunity to ride a shift with a patrol officer and be familiarized with police equipment including firearms.

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**The Prince William County Police Department was formed on July 1, 1970 with fewer than 50 personnel. Today, the agency is nationally accredited with over 700 full-time sworn members serving a locality which stretches 348 square miles and an estimated population close half a million residents.**

## WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE?

Past participants have various reasons as to why they attended:

- **Wanted to better understand their role with the police**
- **Debunk police depictions on TV and in the movies**
- **Seek better insight into the profession**
- **Possible interest in volunteering with the Department**
- **Ask questions about recent events and news coverage**

Whatever your reason for wanting to participate, we are continuously looking for attendees of the next Community Police Academy.

**PLEASE JOIN US IN OUR UPCOMING SESSION TO LEARN  
ABOUT MORE ABOUT PWCPD.**

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## COMMUNITY POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI

Graduates of the Community Police Academy have an opportunity to join the **Prince William County Community Police Academy Alumni Association** (PWCCPAAA).

The **PWCCPAAA** gives residents a way to continue learning about the Department and support law enforcement in our community.

Alumni Association meetings are held monthly featuring guest speakers who present information about new department programs or other topics. Additionally, the Chief of Police normally addresses the general membership once per year.



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### HOW CAN I APPLY?

The Police Department is continuously accepting applications for future sessions. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and a resident of or work in Prince William County. To apply, please visit our website: [pwcva.gov/cpa](http://pwcva.gov/cpa).

All applicants will be asked to complete a driver and background check. Once the application is submitted, a background check will be scheduled. Final letters are then mailed to those who are selected to participate. Letters are sent approximately one month prior to the next available session.

The Police Department reserves the right to deny or remove applicants for past or current activities that may be detrimental to the program and other attendees.



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**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT  
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