

Working Together to Prevent Crime

The Virginia Beach Citizens Police Academy, Senior Citizens Police Academy and the Youth Police Academy provide an excellent opportunity for citizens who work or live in the City of Virginia Beach to become familiar with the day-to-day operations of their police department.

The Citizens Police Academies will enable participants to:

- Gain a better understanding of procedures, guidelines, responsibilities, demands, personnel, equipment, policies and laws
- Become informed as to the actual role of police
- Engage in training sessions
- Develop an understanding of law enforcement
- Humanize the badge



CONNECT

1st Police Precinct

Municipal Center, Bldg. 11
2509 Princess Anne Rd.
757.385.4377

2nd Precinct

820 Virginia Beach Blvd.
757.385.2700

3rd Precinct

926 Independence Blvd.
757.385.2703

4th Precinct

840 Kempsville Road
757.385.2800

Police Emergency

911

Police Non-Emergency

757.385.5000

Non-Emergency

311



Community Engagement Unit

Municipal Center
2509 Princess Anne Road, Bldg. 15
Virginia Beach, VA 23456
757.385.1006
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Shedding Light On Policing

Join the Citizens, Senior Citizens
and Youth Police Academies

VB City of Virginia Beach
Police Department

Finding the Right Academy

Many of the classes will give you an opportunity to have hands-on experiences that will allow you to develop an understanding of the duties performed by police officers on a day-to-day basis.

Topics that may be covered in classes range from criminal law and forensics to patrol operations and investigations. You will even have the opportunity to tour the City jail or a ride-along!

To see a complete list of topics that could be discussed, visit:
www.vbgov.com

Classes may vary and are subject to change. Applicants must be 18 years or older. If under 18, applicants must have parents permission.

This class is not intended to make students into police officers, but to allow students, who may be interested in a career in law enforcement, the opportunity to learn more about police operations.

A criminal record status is checked on each applicant who wishes to go on a ride-along with an officer.

So, which academy is right for you?



Senior Citizens Police Academy

55+
8 weeks
9:00am-12:00pm



Citizens Police Academy

18+
12 weeks
6:30-9:30 pm



Youth Police Academy

14-18 years
18 weeks
6:00-8:30 pm

FAQ

Q: *How are Classes Conducted?*

A: Students will receive instruction from certified police officers, detectives and other instructors.

Q: *How often are the Citizens, Senior Citizens and Youth Police Academy offered?*

A: The Citizens Police academy is 12 weeks from 6:30 to 9:30 pm and the Senior Citizens academy is 8 weeks from 9:00 am to noon; both are offered twice a year in the Spring and Fall. The Youth academy is 18 weeks from 6:00 to 8:30 pm and is offered once a year.

Q: *Can I go on a ride-along?*

A: Students are encouraged to ride along with an officer on one of their shifts. The experience provides first-hand knowledge of what it is like to "work the street" in a patrol car. Students must be 18 years of age to participate in a ride-along.

Q: *How can information from this academy be used by police?*

A: It is our hope that graduates of this academy take their knowledge into the community and become the extra eyes and ears to observe and report any crimes or suspicious activities in their community.

Q: *Is there a fee for these academies?*

A: No. The Virginia Beach Police Department provides these services to the community free of charge.

Q: *How do I apply?*

A: www.vbgov.com or email: pdceu@vbgov.com