



Citizens' Police Academy

Chief Terry David Lynch *invites* you to attend the Wharton Police Department's Citizen Police Academy. The Citizens' Police Academy is designed to provide community leaders with a greater understanding of the Wharton Police Department and its operations through progressive class lectures as well as hands-on experiences. It is our goal to make this course an informative and enjoyable experience for all of those involved. It is also an opportunity for the police department to learn from participants through discussion and interaction with instructors, classmates, and visiting Wharton Police Department Command Staff and employees. The overall objective is to further a partnership in making Wharton a great place to live, work, and raise our families.

Crime is not just a police problem; it's a community problem. The safety of all citizens depends on actions and involvement by all of us. The Wharton Police Department believes that community education is an essential and productive activity that leads to an effective partnership that attacks the causes of community problems, not merely the symptoms.

It is the intention of the Wharton Police Department to provide students with knowledge and understanding of the functions and responsibilities of providing law enforcement services in Wharton and to forge lifelong bonds with those we serve.

The Wharton Police Department hosts its Citizens' Police Academy at no cost to participants. This year's session will meet for 11 weeks, from September 1st through November 17th. The session meets for 10-weeks on Tuesdays from 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM at the Wharton Civic Center and the 11th week being Graduation.

All lectures and activities are taught by Wharton Police Officers, EMS & Fire Personnel whose current assignments are directly involved in the day-to-day activities covered in their segment of the academy. The police department's members and instructors are professional with their presentations and it's our mission to make all participants feel right at home.

The next Citizens' Police Academy will begin September 1, 2026. Please check The Wharton Police Department's Facebook page for enrollment updates and course schedule.

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