

## Frequently Asked Questions

### *Where did the Citizen Police Academy concept originate?*

The first program was held in Orlando, Florida in 1984. Since that time, many law enforcement agencies across the country have established similar programs, recognizing the value they bring to both residents and members of law enforcement agencies.

### *How do I apply to participate?*

Applications will be accepted through October 25, 2019. Application forms can be downloaded from the Owatonna Police Department website at <http://www.ci.owatonna.mn.us/170/Police>.

### *Do I have to be physically fit to participate?*

No. The experience is for all adults. You are not expected to run or fight. The experience is designed to be fun for all participants.

## For Further Information...

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### PLEASE NOTE...

The Citizen's Police Academy is not intended to train individuals as police officers.

This program is an educational experience designed to give residents and business owners a unique opportunity to become better acquainted with members of the Owatonna Police Department and its day-to-day operations.

## Citizen's Police Academy



**Owatonna Police Department**  
**Keith E. Hiller, Chief of Police**

**Monday evenings 6:00 to 8:00 pm**  
**October 28 – December 16**

## A Message from the Chief

Ever wonder how an Owatonna Police Officer is trained?

At the Citizen's Police Academy, you will have the opportunity to see and hear first hand the overwhelming curriculum officers must master before they can wear the uniform for the Owatonna Police Department.

Your instructors will be real police officers. They will take you on an accelerated overview of the various operations of the Owatonna Police Department.

It's our goal to increase understanding of police work and to develop effective police/community partnerships.

Join us, and be part of this important effort.

## What is the purpose?

The Citizen's Police Academy was created in order to provide participants with enough information so that they are capable of making an informed judgment about their police department and police activity. It is hoped that the instruction will increase police awareness whereas to dispel suspicions and misconceptions and to increase police/community rapport through an educational process. The Department in turn becomes more aware of the feelings and concerns of the community it serves, making it a two way learning process.

## Who may attend?

Persons living or working in Owatonna will be given priority.

Must be at least 18 years of age and have no felony convictions. Participants should commit to attending all of the weekly sessions.

All applications are subject to approval by the Chief of Police. All applicants are subject to a basic records check prior to acceptance for the course.

## Academy Topics

- Organizational Structure
- Ethics/Internal Affairs
- Personnel & Training
- Patrol Procedures
- Laws of Arrest
- Prosecution
- Judicial Process
- Traffic Safety
- Use of Force
- Crime Scene Investigation
- Investigations
- Communications
- Narcotics/Enforcement
- SWAT
- Gangs
- Community Services
- Firearms