

The Citizen Police Academy

The Pacific Grove Police Department's Citizen Police Academy will provide community members with an inside look at local law enforcement. During the Academy, students will be introduced to our community based police service. Training topics include Police ethics, internal affairs, drug enforcement, traffic law, criminal investigations, and firearm safety.

The twelve-week academy is designed to give citizens an overview of our department's policies and procedures. The curriculum and teaching methods are similar to the traditional police academy, but the weekly sessions are not designed to make the participant a police officer.



Police supervisors and veteran officers teach academy classes. Participants will have the opportunity to meet with the Chief of Police and staff members. They are encouraged to ask questions and to express their concerns to police employees. The Pacific Grove Police Department hopes there will be a greater awareness and understanding of law enforcement's role in the community through the education provided by the Citizen Police Academy.

Academy Schedule

The Pacific Grove Police Department offers a spring and fall session of the Citizen Police Academy. The length of each academy is twelve

weeks. Classes meet on a weekday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Pacific Grove Police Department. The Academy will culminate with a graduation ceremony upon completion of the program. There is no charge to attend the Citizen Police Academy.

Participant Requirements

Potential candidates for the Citizen Police Academy must meet the following criteria:

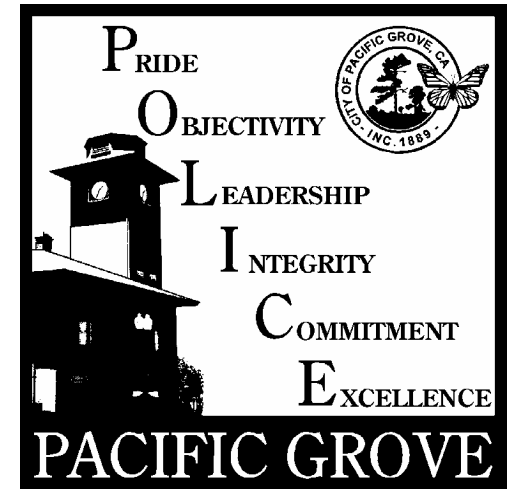
- Minimum age of 21 years
- Live or work in Pacific Grove
- No prior felony convictions
- No assault or battery or weapons convictions within the past 10 years.
- No misdemeanor arrests within three years of application
- Final selection made by the Chief of Police, who may waive any of the requirements on a case by case basis.

Any of the requirements may be waived upon review and approval of the Chief of Police.

Academy Alumni Association

Graduates of the Citizen Police Academy will be invited to join the Academy Alumni Association to continue their involvement with the Pacific Grove Police Department. Alumni members will receive additional training and will be called on to assist the police department during special events or emergencies. Academy Alumni could be asked to help with traffic control, missing persons searches, crime detection or similar activities.

**For more information, please call the Pacific Grove Police Department, Lt. Tom Uretsky
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Next Class Starts: Nov/Dec 2004