

## PLEASANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY

The Citizens' Police Academy's first session took place in the spring of 2000. To date, nearly 300 Pleasanton citizens have graduated from the program. The academy has been very successful and highly regarded in Pleasanton.

The Citizens' Police Academy is not a true training academy, rather an opportunity to show the citizens how and why we do the things we do. This program provides and overview of law enforcement job tasks and an inner perspective of the laws and regulations the Pleasanton Police Department is tasked with carrying out. Our hope is that the knowledge gained by attendees will make them more responsive and alert to the needs in their neighborhoods. The program operates on the premise that informed and enlightened citizens will work in partnership with the police department.

Academy students will learn about Patrol Procedures, SWAT, Investigations, K-9s, Crime Prevention, Firearms, The Criminal Justice System, Traffic Enforcement, Dispatch, Juvenile Issues, and more.

- The program is conducted once in the Spring and is 14 sessions long. Classes are held from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The first class session for 2012 will be held on Thursday Feb. 16, and the last on May 24. There is no class the week of April 5 for Spring break.
- The class segments are taught by Police Officers and outside instructors (CHP, District Attorney, Superior Court Judge ...).
- Generally, class sizes are limited to about 25 students. Each academy applicant must be an adult, live or work in the city of Pleasanton and pass a simple background check.
- All students are expected to attend all the class sessions. Exceptions will be considered on a case by case basis.

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