

Space Available in the Next Session of the Citizens' Police Academy

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The Citizens' Police Academy is your opportunity to learn more about how the Great Falls Police Department operates. The Academy runs twice a year usually in the spring and fall. The Citizens' Academy is a group of Great Falls area citizens who are interested in learning more about how their police department operates and the policing challenges our community faces. The Academy training will consist of classroom and "hands on" training with emphasis on student involvement.

The purpose of the Great Falls Police Citizens' Academy is to promote and enhance citizen understanding and awareness of the role of the Great Falls Police Department. The program is designed to develop positive relations between the police and the community through education. The goals are to create a growing nucleus of responsible, well-informed citizens who have a better perception of police practices and services.

The next Academy begins March 14, 2012. Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings. Participation requires a commitment of one evening a week and a Saturday afternoon over a 10 week period. Participants will meet on Wednesday evenings for three (3) hours, 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM. The Saturday afternoon session will be from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. In addition, at the participant's convenience, a ride-along with a patrol officer may be scheduled.

Classes will be held at the Great Falls Police Department training room, 112 1st St. So. If you are interested in attending the next Citizens' Academy, please complete the online application. If you are selected, more detailed information will be obtained to complete a background investigation. Class is limited to 30 students. Application deadline is **5pm on Wednesday, March 7th, 2012.**

Contact Officer Jesse Slaughter with questions at 771-1180 x217.

Web Links

[Citizens' Academy Citizens' Academy Application](#)

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