

## **BEDFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT** **Citizens Police Academy**

### ***What is it?***

The Citizens Police Academy is a free course designed to give Bedford citizens and business owners, managers, and employees working knowledge of their Police Department. We believe that an informed citizen is one that is better able to understand decisions made by the Police Department. The class is designed to increase relations between the police and the community. The citizens, in turn, make the officers more aware of their concerns and needs. The slogan for the Citizens Police Academy is:  
"UNDERSTANDING THROUGH EDUCATION."

### ***Who is eligible and how do I apply?***

You must be at least 21 years old and live or work in Bedford. A background check will be performed on all applicants. The class fills up quickly and a waiting list is established for anyone who cannot be placed in the upcoming class. Applications should be sent in care of:

*Bedford Police Department  
Community Services Division  
2121 L. Don Dodson Drive  
Bedford, Texas 76021.*



### ***How are the classes conducted?***

Citizens meet one night a week from for twelve weeks. You will receive thirty-three hours of instruction by certified police officers and other expert instructors

Two classes are held each year, one in March on Monday nights and the other in September on Thursday nights. If one of the weeknights is preferred, please indicate which night on the application.

### ***What is covered in the classes?***

Here is a sample of what will be covered:

- *Patrol*
- *Traffic*
- *Criminal investigations*
- *Records management*
- *Crime scene procedures*
- *Community services*
- *Juvenile crimes*
- *Narcotics*
- *Animal Control operations*
- *Communications*
- *Training*
- *Internal Affairs*
- *Facility tour*

If you are interested, please fill out the application on the reverse. Thank you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_



Resident  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

City &  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Social  
Security \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's  
License \_\_\_\_\_

Sex (Circle) M F

Home  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Place of  
Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Business  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

City &  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Work  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation  
Title \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size S M L XL XXL

*Police Community Services*  
952-2444

I, \_\_\_\_\_,

understand from this application and signature below, the information will be verified and a background check will be completed by the Bedford Police Department, for the purposes of checking my criminal history record, so that I MAY be selected to participate in the Citizens Police Academy/Rider program.

I also understand my criminal history background MAY disqualify me from being selected to the Citizens Police Academy. By signing below, I give my consent to the Bedford Police Department to check my criminal history record for the purpose of being selected to the Citizens Police Academy/Rider program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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the Bedford Police Department*