
Application Process

Applications can be located on the City of Springfield website at springfieldohio.gov. Applications can be completed electronically or printed and returned to Springfield Police Headquarters at 130 N. Fountain Ave.

The 2024 Spring Citizens Academy Class will begin on March 28 and run through May 30 from 6 to 9 p.m. Graduation will be held on May 30.

Thank you for your interest in the Springfield Police Division. It is our pleasure to serve you!

TOPICS THAT WILL BE COVERED

- Springfield Police Overview
- Uniform Patrol/Response Time/Specialty Units
- Investigations
- Criminal/Constitutional Law/Probable Cause
- City Economics
- Traffic Enforcement
- Media Relations: Police v. Public Perception
- Use of Force/Deadly Force
- Law Enforcement/Civilian Response to Active Attacker
- Crime Lab
- Common Pleas Court/Clark County Prosecutor's Office
- SWAT
- Cold Cases

Springfield Police Division

Citizens Police Academy



Mission Statement

The goal of the Citizens Police Academy (CPA) is to introduce the citizens of Springfield to the operations of their police division, gain valuable feedback from those citizens and improve quality of police services delivered to all of the citizens of Springfield.

The Citizens Police Academy is not intended to serve as an accredited law enforcement course, but merely to provide insight into the internal workings of the Springfield Police Division.

Cost of the Program

There is no charge for this course. The CPA is funded by the Springfield Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA).

Selection Process

The Chief of Police, or her designee, through an application process, will select participants. Classes will be limited to 20 people. It is anticipated that these classes will fill up quickly. Applications will not be kept on file. A new application must be submitted for any future Citizens Police Academy courses.



The Ride Along Program

CPA students will be encouraged, but not required, to ride along with uniformed police officers.

If a student has a particular officer that they wish to observe, the request will be considered. Should a CPA student have a family member that is a Springfield Police Officer, the student may not ride along with that family member. Another officer will be selected for that student to observe.



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Basic Requirements

There are no minimum physical requirements. CPA students will not be required to do anything they cannot do, or do not wish to do. This is an informational course.

- Applicants must be 21 years of age or older.
- Applicants must live within Clark County. First consideration will be given to City of Springfield residents.
- Applicants must have no prior felony convictions.
- Applicants must not have any misdemeanor convictions within 3 years.
- Applicants with misdemeanor convictions involving offenses of violence or drugs will not be considered.
- Applicants must not have any criminal or traffic charges pending within any jurisdiction, at the time of application. Should any charges arise, the student must notify the CPA coordinators.
- Applicants must submit to a local background check. This check will include, but not limited to a criminal/traffic history check.