



**SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**

**Kenny Winslow
Chief of Police**

Springfield, Illinois – The Springfield Police Department is now accepting applications for the next Citizen's Police Academy. The academy meets every Wednesday evening from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. beginning Wednesday, October 20 through Wednesday, December 15, 2021, concluding with a graduation ceremony. The week of Thanksgiving, the academy will be on Monday, November 22 instead of Wednesday. All classes take place at the Springfield Police Department Academy located at 3401 N. Color Plant Road.

The Citizen's Police Academy is an effort to enhance the community-policing concept and increase public awareness and education in Springfield. The course is free of charge and open to individuals 18-years and older. This training program consists of classroom and hands-on instructional learning experiences. Subjects covered include officer selection and training process; the job of the uniformed patrol officer; tactical operations; investigation skills; vice and narcotics; communications; firearms; defensive tactics; crime prevention; and community policing. Participants will experience a variety of activities including using police equipment; firing the department service weapons; canine demonstrations; touring police facilities; and other community and law enforcement related activities.

Interested individuals must fill out an application and agree to undergo a cursory background check prior to approval and admission. Participants must be able to show proof of a COVID-19 vaccination to be accepted. The deadline to apply is October 1, 2021.

Applications for the Citizen's Police Academy are available on the city's website at www.spd.springfield.il.us or you may contact Katherine Chi at 217.788.8360 ext. 4238. Class size is limited and applications will be on a first-come, first-served basis; however, priority will be given to Springfield residents.

Any questions regarding the Citizen's Police Academy class can be directed to the Springfield Police Academy at 217.788.8415.

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