

The Citizen's Police Academy is a seven week program designed to provide Covina residents and people that work in Covina first hand information about how their police department works, to increase understanding between citizens and the police through education, making it easier for police and citizens to find realistic solutions to neighborhood problems. Participation requires a commitment of one night a week for a seven week period. Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at the police facility located at 444 N. Citrus Avenue in Covina.

The first Citizen's Academy class began in March 1998. The classes are interactive, and instructors are officers and personnel from the Covina Police Department, who teach in their own areas of expertise, and bring years of street experience into the classroom. Presentations include topics such as Patrol Procedures, Arrest and Control / Use of Force, Identity Theft, Narcotics and Gangs and more. A Superior Court judge conducts a presentation on the court/legal system. In one session participants will "fire" a department issue handgun in our firing range and also learn firearm safety in the home. Participants also go on patrol ride-alongs to see first-hand the work Covina police officers do in our community.

In selecting members for each class, the department attempts to reflect the broadest possible range within our community; this includes young and old, men and women, and representatives of special ethnic, cultural and civic groups. Participants should be at least 21 years old, with no outstanding warrants, open criminal cases, or criminal history.



On October 23, 2013, participants in Citizen's Academy Class #24 earned their certificates of completion

If you wish to be considered for participation in our next Citizen's Academy, or for questions regarding the Academy, you may contact Community Services Specialist Candace Bobkiewicz by email or phone at cbobkiewicz@covinaca.gov or (626)384-5630.