

CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

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WATERTOWN POLICE

MICHAEL P. LAWN, CHIEF OF POLICE

**IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE
THE REINTRODUCTION OF**

THE WATERTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT'S

CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

**UNDERSTANDING
THROUGH
EDUCATION**

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Dear Watertown Resident,

As the Watertown Police Department advances its community policing efforts, it is important to have citizen-police interaction and cooperation. One way to accomplish this goal is through an exchange of ideas and education.

The Watertown Police Department's **Citizens Police Academy** (CPA) program is an excellent means to achieve this end. The CPA is designed to acquaint the public with the operations of the police department. It is our intention that after completion of this seven week program, participants will have a better understanding of the police officer's role in the criminal justice system and an appreciation of the many challenges facing law enforcement in today's society.

The course is structured to provide as much information as possible in enjoyable and interesting ways. There is **No Fee**. We only require that participants come each week prepared to be involved in discussion and demonstrations.

The CPA will include information on such topics as the law, patrol operations, use force training, de-escalation techniques, arrest procedures, accident and criminal investigation, substance use disorder, crime prevention, community policing and much more.

The Citizen Police Academy will begin on **Monday, September 18, 2017** and run for eight consecutive weeks from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM.

I invite you to apply and be a part of this cooperative effort between the police and the community. Please fill out the enclosed application and return it no later than Wednesday, September 13, 2017. Seating is limited and applicants are accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Chief Michael P. Lawn
Chief of Police

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WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY?

To give the public a working knowledge of the Watertown Police Department policies and procedures, through a series of classes instructed by Watertown Police Department personnel. To help enhance relationships between the members of the Watertown Police Department and our community.

IN WHAT WAYS WILL THE CPA IMPROVE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS?

The more information the public has about their police department, the less suspicion, fear and misconceptions will exist. Many conflicts are caused simply by a lack of understanding and these could be avoided. The motto of the Citizen Police Academy is "*Understanding through Education*".

HOW IS THE CLASS CONDUCTED?

Participants meet once per week for seven consecutive weeks. The sessions will be held at the Watertown Police Department located at 552 Main St. Instruction is designed to be appealing to participants with lectures, tours, demonstrations and hands on practice.

WHAT TYPE OF MATERIAL IS COVERED?

The sessions are designed to give an overview of the Watertown Police Department and its various functions; from hiring practices to training and investigation.

HOW WILL THE INFORMATION OBTAINED IN THIS COURSE BE USED BY THE PUBLIC?

We believe that an informed public is better able to make decisions about the Watertown Police Department. We hope this program will assist us in breaking down any barriers between our officers and the people they serve.

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APPLICATION

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

BUSINESS NAME: _____

BUSINESS PHONE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

EMAIL: _____

WHAT INFORMATION ABOUT THE WATERTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL/INTERESTING TO YOU?

PLEASE RETURN TO:
Watertown Police Department
Captain Raymond Dupuis
552 Main Street
Watertown, MA 02472

Applications can be emailed to Judy Patenaude
jpatenaude@police.watertown-ma.gov