

Beckley Police Department Citizens Police Academy

What is the Citizen's Police Academy?

The Citizen's Police Academy is a class coordinated by the Beckley Police Department. The goal of the academy is designed to increase understanding between citizens and the police department through training and exciting hands-on exercises and discussion.

In addition to classroom training, students are given the opportunity to:

- Ride with patrol officers,
- Tour and observe the operations of the Southern Regional Jail,
- Tour and observe the operation of the Emergency Operation Center. (911 Center)
- **IMPORTANT:** while completion of this course gives citizens an understanding of the workings of the Beckley Police Department, it does not make a participant a certified law enforcement officer, nor is it designed to train citizens to perform law enforcement duties.

Who can participate?

Participants can be any Beckley and Raleigh County residents, merchants and students who are 18 years of age or older.

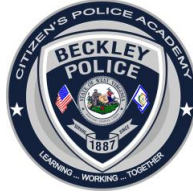
A criminal history check will be conducted to verify information provided by the participant. There is a minimum enrollment of 15 students; the class is subject to cancellation if minimum enrollment is not met.

When is the Citizen's Police Academy?

The Citizen's Police Academy starts on Thursday, March 5, 2020. The academy will last twelve weeks and will be held weekly on Thursday nights from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Beckley Police Department.

How do I sign up?

Read all requirements. Complete the application below. Deliver the completed application by mail, fax, or in person.



Applicant Requirements:

1. Must be a resident of Beckley or Raleigh County.
2. Must be 18 years of age or older.
3. Must produce valid photo identification.
4. May not presently be under indictment or under an order of protection from the courts.
5. May have no felony convictions against them.
6. May have no misdemeanor arrests two year prior to the academy entrance date.
7. May not have been involuntarily committed to a mental health facility.
8. Will provide the department with a release for a criminal background investigation.
9. Will sign a waiver of liability to participate in the program.

Expectations for Participants:

Classes will start promptly at 6:00 P.M. and end at approximately 9:00 P.M.;
However, if we run late, or if you have a commitment and must leave, feel free to do so.

No dangerous or deadly weapons are permitted to be carried or concealed by students of the academy.

You can miss two classes and still be eligible to graduate. If you miss more than 2 classes, you can make up the week(s) missed during the next academy.

Information shared with you may be regarded as confidential. Please do not pass on information which may not be appropriate to the general public.

We will ask you to evaluate the academy. The purpose of the evaluation is so we can make improvements in the program. Your ideas and comments are very important to us.

We hope that you enjoy the academy, that you learn a lot, and have fun in the process.

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Application does not Guarantee Acceptance

Applicant must be 18 years of age or older to attend the Academy
No Prior Felony Convictions

Print in ink or type all answers. If more space is needed, use an additional sheet of paper.

Date: _____

Last Name: _____ **First:** _____

Full Middle Name: _____ **Maiden:** _____

DOB: _____ **Age:** _____ **S.S. #** _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

E-Mail Address: _____ **Home Phone #:** _____

Mobile #: _____

Occupation: _____

Explain your position:

Company Name: _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____

State: _____ **Zip Code:** _____ **Bus. Phone #:** _____

In case of emergency please notify:

Name: _____ **Home Phone #:** _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Address:

Relationship:

Please answer yes or no to the following question and provide explanations where needed:

Have you ever been or are you under indictment or under an order of protection from the courts? Yes or No. If yes, please explain with disposition and dates.

Have you ever been arrested or given a summons for a crime other than traffic offenses? Yes or No.

If yes, please explain with disposition and dates.

NOTE: APPLICANT CONVICTED OF A FELONY IS INELIGIBLE TO ATTEND.

Do you have a valid driver's license? Yes or No (Please circle)

Driver's License number: _____

Are you 18 years of age or older? Yes or No (Please circle)

Do you have any special needs that require accommodation in order for you to participate in this program? Yes or No (Please circle)

Explain if you circle yes:

Are you allergic to anything? Yes or No (Please circle)

Please explain:

How did you hear about the academy?

Do you know any police officers or past CPA graduates? Who?

Are you interested in law enforcement as a career? Yes or No (Please circle) If yes, please explain:

***Please state below why you are interested in attending the Citizen Police Academy?**

NOTE: THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION TO ANSWER

THOROUGHLY

**Please list community involved activities, any associations, or organizations in
Which you participate:**

Any additional information you would like to share?

I hereby certify that there are no willful falsifications, omissions, or misrepresentations in the foregoing statements and answers to questions. I understand that any omission or false statement on this application shall be sufficient cause for rejection for enrollment or dismissal from the Beckley Police Department Citizen Police Academy. I also grant permission for the Beckley Police Department to verify the above information contained on this application and check for prior criminal history.

Signature of applicant

Date

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