

DESOTO CITIZEN POLICE



The DeSoto Citizen Police Academy is a comprehensive course designed to provide those who live or work in the City of DeSoto a working knowledge of the police department. Academy classes meet one evening per week for 8 weeks.



The motto of the DeSoto

Citizen Police Academy is ***“Forming partnerships in the community through understanding and education.”*** The objective of the program is to provide citizens with information to eliminate misconceptions concerning the DeSoto Police Department, its policies and procedures, and the criminal justice system in general. The ultimate goal is to improve rapport between the police and citizens of DeSoto.



The program gives citizens the opportunity to learn about police work, to ask questions and to express their concerns. This two-way communication has proven to be an effective way to accomplish the goals and objectives of the DeSoto Citizen Police Academy.

SUBJECTS COVERED IN THE CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY INCLUDE:

- I *Traffic Enforcement and Radar***
An overview of traffic laws and the function police radar. Students received “hands on” radar demonstration!
- II *Criminal Investigations***
Discuss investigative techniques and see if you can solve a crime.
- III *Patrol Procedures***
Why do patrol officers do that? See for yourself as you execute a traffic stop!
- IV *Critical Incident Management***
Tactical team operations, how they contain and resolve crisis situations.
- V *Firearms Range***
Visit the police firearms range and experience live fire exercises.
- VI *Law, City Ordinances and more***
How many laws are there? Are you responsible for them all?
- VII *Tour the police station***
See where your officers work, meet employees, and tour the DeSoto jail.

All this and much, much more!!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY:

Who can attend?

Anyone who lives or works in the City of DeSoto. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age, and pass a background screening prior to acceptance into the Academy.

How much does it cost?

There is absolutely **NO COST** to attend the Academy. The only cost to you is your time!

What happens after the Academy is over?

Graduates are eligible to join the DeSoto Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association and continue their education and association with the police department. You may also be eligible to join the Citizens on Patrol (COP) and become “extra sets of eyes and ears for the police.”

Will I be a police officer after I graduate?

No. The Citizen Police Academy will not certify you to become a police officer, nor will it provide you with a concealed handgun license.

What does the Alumni Association do?

Members provide support for the police department and community through various volunteer activities including safety fairs and city events.

Application for Acceptance

(All information is required in order to complete a preliminary background investigation.)

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Race: _____ Sex: _____

Texas Driver License Number: _____

Have you ever been arrested? _____

If so, when and for what? _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? _____

(NOTE: Not all arrests/convictions are disqualifiers; However failure to disclose an arrest or conviction may be a disqualifier.)

If so please explain: _____

I hereby authorize the DeSoto Police Department to perform a preliminary investigation on me prior to my admittance into the DeSoto Citizen Police Academy.

Signature: _____

Printed name: _____

Date: _____

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