

***What is the Citizens' Police Academy?***

The Academy is a ten-week program designed to provide residents of La Plata County (in an academy setting) first-hand information on how the Durango Police Department works. Participation in the Academy requires a commitment of one night a week for the eleven-week program. Classes are held from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

***What is the purpose of the Citizens' Police Academy?***

The Academy is designed to increase understanding, through education, between citizens and police. Our intent is to acquaint citizens with law enforcement's role in the criminal justice system, and to provide an increased understanding and overview of police work. As a caution, the Academy is not designed to make its participants certified police officers. The contents of the course are of an informative nature only and it is not intended that the participants have the authority of, or act as police officers.

***Who teaches the Academy sessions?***

Instructors include members of the Durango Police Department who speak in their areas of expertise. Each has years of training and experience that they bring to the classroom.

***What subjects are included?***

The sessions include information about domestic violence, gangs, patrol operations, traffic problems, community policing, tactical response and investigations, as well as a little history about where we are and where we are going. In one of the sessions, participants will have the option of firing several different weapons. They will also have the option of participating in an unarmed self-defense training session. Each participant will "ride along" in a patrol car to see first-hand what officers see and hear, and what they are trained to do in a variety of circumstances. Participants may spend time observing in the Central Communications Center and hear actual calls for service, as well as the dispatching of officers to those calls. Throughout the Academy, participants are encouraged to ask questions and discuss topics with members of the Department.

***How are participants selected?***

The Department seeks to fill each program with a cross section of community representation.

***How to apply:***

Complete the accompanying application and mail or return it to the Durango Police Department. If you have questions, please call 970-375-4701. You will be notified if you are selected for the next program. There is no fee for the Academy.

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**CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY APPLICATION**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street City State Zip*

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

DRIVER'S LICENSE # \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

*(applicants are subject to a background check)*

**CONTINUE APPLICATION ON BACK**

Durango Police Department  
ATTN: Citizens' Police Academy  
990 E 2nd Avenue  
Durango CO 81301

**DURANGO POLICE DEPARTMENT  
ATTN: CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY  
990 E 2ND AVENUE  
DURANGO CO 81301**



# Citizens' Police Academy

Presented by the

Durango Police Department

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List community, neighborhood, or civic group affiliations

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How did you hear about the Citizens' Police Academy?

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Why do you want to attend?

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*The Durango Police Department's philosophy of community oriented policing seeks to create a partnership with our citizens. This philosophy promotes mutual trust and cooperation between citizens and police, in a common goal of providing quality of life, and a safe and secure community for all citizens.*

*The Citizens' Police Academy is one of several programs that have developed from the community oriented policing philosophy. We encourage you to explore some of these programs and become a partner with your police in keeping Durango the unique and safe place it is, and can continue to be.*