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CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

The purpose of the Citizens Police Academy is to provide a forum whereby you can develop a basic understanding of the West Lampeter Township Police Department's duties and role within the community of West Lampeter Township. The Citizens Police Academy teaches citizens about the philosophy, policies, and guiding principles of law enforcement and the ethical conduct governing police services within the community. It gives citizens an appreciation of the problems and challenges facing law enforcement and provides an opportunity for citizens to offer comments, ideas, and solutions in a proactive manner.

The course period is four consecutive weeks of two-hour classes twice weekly from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, a total of 16 hours, and consists of basic classroom instruction, presentations, and demonstrations on topics such as criminal investigation, constitutional and criminal law, use of force, departmental structure, defensive tactics, and riding with police officers while on actual patrol. This exclusive experience is important in creating a true understanding of what an officer's job is like and contributes to an exciting, interactive learning experience. The final day of the class ends with a graduation ceremony for those who successfully complete the course.

The Citizens Police Academy is designed to:

- Build a stronger relationship between the police department and the community
- Increase community support and awareness regarding police operations through education and exchange of ideas
- Provide the public with the opportunity for feedback and suggestions
- Prevent public misunderstandings and general unawareness regarding police functions
- Create responsible, well-informed citizens who influence public opinion on police practices and services

Modeled after similar programs developed across the United States, West Lampeter Township's Citizen Police Academy is just one of its forms of community policing. Academy enrollment is limited. Citizens Police Academy application forms are available at the West Lampeter Township Police Department at 852 Village Road in Lampeter. We accept applications throughout the year. In the weeks prior to the Academy start date, the Academy Coordinator will contact you to confirm your selection as a participant in the Academy.

Requirements for potential candidates:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Live or work in West Lampeter Township
- Have no felony convictions
- Have no misdemeanor convictions within one year of application
- May only be absent for one of the eight sessions

Any requirement may be waived or modified upon review and approval by the Chief of Police. The Academy is free of charge. For more information, contact West Lampeter Township Police Department at 717-464-2421.

**West Lampeter Township Police Department
Citizens Police Academy Application for Enrollment
Dates to be Determined**

Return completed application ASAP to:
West Lampeter Township Police Department, PO Box 296, 852 Village Road, Lampeter, PA 17537
(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

Full Name (First, Middle, Last) Home Phone No email address .

Mailing Address (Door No., Street, City, State, Zip Code) How long have you lived at this address?

Date of Birth Place of Birth Drivers License or ID No. State

Employer Name Address Work Phone No. No. of Years

List and describe any law enforcement experience you may have:

List any special police interests/activities:

List the reason(s) you wish to attend the Citizens Police Academy:

Have you ever been arrested/convicted of a crime? ____Yes ____No If yes, provide date, disposition, and charge details:

List three personal references (full name, full address, phone no., how long they have known you and in what capacity:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Emergency Contact name, address, phone no., relationship:

Please note that all applicants are subject to a criminal history check.

I certify that all information provided within this application is true and valid, and I understand that any misstatement of material facts in this application will be cause for disqualification from participation in the Citizens Police Academy.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____