



City of La Porte

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LPPD offering another Basic Citizen's Police Academy Starting January 16, 2018



In response to their continued success in hosting various community outreach programs, on January 16th, 2018, the La Porte Police Department will begin another Citizens Police Academy (CPA) for the first 25 persons who register. This will be the first of the agency's 2018 basic CPA classes, with a graduation date set for April 10th, 2018.

La Porte's CPA is a community awareness program that is intended to create a stronger partnership between the police department and the citizens they serve. CPA participants attend classes at the La Porte Police Department, 3001 North 23rd Street, every Tuesday night for 13 consecutive weeks, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Participants are exposed to a large group of well-qualified instructors. All courses are taught by City of La Porte Police Department employees, both certified police officers and civilian employees, serving in specialized positions. To supplement the classroom instruction, hands-on training is offered to participants involving multiple areas of police operations, ranging from Special Weapons and Tactics to Community Policing.

CPA graduates will find an abundance of rewarding volunteer opportunities and they also become eligible to participate in the department's "ride along" program where they can experience police patrol first hand. Participation in the CPA is free and all materials are provided by the Police Department.

An initial application is required to be completed and a background check will be conducted prior to the first night of class. Applicants must be at least eighteen years of age with a clear criminal history. This means that applicants must have no felony offense convictions, cannot be on probation for any reason, and must not have any outstanding warrants. The department also

asks that all applicants live or work in the City of La Porte, although occasional exception(s) may be made.

For questions concerning La Porte's Citizens Police Academy, contact Officer Anthony Bish at 281-842-3124. You can also visit LPPD's website at <http://www.ci.la-porte.tx.us/488/Citizens-Police-Academy> for more information, and to obtain a printable version of the initial application form.