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The Little Rock Police Department Citizen Police Academy (CPA) is designed to give the public a working knowledge of the Little Rock Police Department's personnel and its policies. It is held once a week, for eight weeks. The instruction is comprehensive, covering a different area of the police department each week. Certified police officers, supervisors, and personnel with expertise in a particular division conduct each instructional block.

The purpose of the program is to provide enough information to the participants so they may make informed judgments about the police department and police activity as well as to learn why the department can and cannot do certain things. It is hoped that the instruction will increase police awareness whereas to dispel suspicions and misconceptions and to increase police and community relations through this educational process. The department, in turn, becomes more aware of the feelings and concerns of the community from the students interaction and input during this two-way learning experience.

The Little Rock CPA covers a variety of diverse topics of training; however, the curriculum changes from time to time depending on suggestions made by graduating CPA participants, police department administrators, and other members of the department. Each instructor is selected based on his or her desire and willingness to participate. Instructors must have a good working knowledge of the topic of discussion. In addition to scheduling classroom topics of discussion, elective nights may be scheduled to allow students to participate in patrol "ride along", firearms training and a tour of police headquarters and the 9-1-1 Center. (Students that participate in the ride along program, during an elective night, must sign a Waiver of Liability form.)

The class is from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. one night a week. Most participants come straight from work so food is provided. Snacks, sandwiches, coffee and cold drinks are served each class night. However, on graduation night an informal banquet is held and a local restaurant caters dinner.

Each session of the CPA is comprised of a cross section of the community, which includes educators, business owners, doctors, lawyers, clergy, neighborhood crime watch and association members and many others. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- be 21 years of age;
- may not have a felony conviction;
- must pass a criminal background/ drivers history check;
- must reside or work in the Little Rock area
- be willing to devote time to CPA both in terms of attendance and optional activities; and
- The ability to make a substantive contribution to the program.

Thank you for your interest in the Citizen's Police Academy. For more information and to find out when the next class will be held contact Sgt Cassandra Davis at 501-371-4636.

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