

WHAT IS IT?

The Citizens Police Academy is a program designed to provide participants with a working knowledge of the Whitemarsh Township Police Department. The Academy consists of a series of classroom instruction and practical field exercises held one evening per week for a period of two to three hours. This course of instruction, which will be held over six sessions, is offered to residents of Whitemarsh Township **at no cost.**

The Citizens Police Academy provides an in-depth view into several areas of law enforcement. It is an educational and informative program that allows citizens the opportunity to learn more about the issues that affect law enforcement in Whitemarsh Township.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

- WEEK 1 Introduction, Intro to Local Government & The Police Department. Tour of Police Headquarters
- WEEK 2 Patrol Division Overview
Communication Center
- WEEK 3 Firearms & Use of Force
SWAT
- WEEK 4 Traffic Stops / Traffic
Traffic Safety / DUI
Accident Investigation
- WEEK 5 K-9 Demo
Criminal Investigations
- WEEK 6 Graduation Reception

GOAL

The main goal of the Citizens Police Academy is to provide the residents of Whitemarsh Township with a higher level of knowledge and insight into the workings of their police department. Graduates of the Citizens Police Academy will have gained a deeper understanding of the men and women who are protecting their community.

BENEFITS

When residents take a more personal role in their community and the protection of their neighborhoods, they will enjoy a safer and closer relationship with their neighbors.

WHY?

Community Oriented Policing plays an important and vital role in reducing crime in any community. Therefore, the Whitemarsh Township Police Department instituted the Citizens Police Academy to improve communications and obtain citizen support throughout the township. It is our hope that the graduates will become partners with us in identifying problems and solutions to crime issues that are affecting our community. Graduates can take their knowledge back to their neighborhoods where they can use it to enhance the quality of neighborhood life.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Individuals who apply for the Citizens Police Academy must be at least 18 years of age and reside in Whitemarsh Township. A valid driver's license is required, and applicants may be subject to a background check.

INTERESTED?

For more information about the Whitemarsh Township Citizens Police Academy, please contact **Sgt. Michael Kolar**
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610-825-6530

Or

Stop by the Police Department and pick up an application at the Police Communications Center

Or

Download a copy from www.whitemarshpd.org

WHEN?

**6 Consecutive Monday
Evenings
7pm-9pm
September 29-November 3
2025**

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