Applying:

All potential participants must submit an application prior to being considered for the program. Due to such enthusiastic citizen response to the program, applicants are encouraged to apply early! Applications are available on-line or may be obtained through the program coordinator at the listed number.

www.sanantonio.gov/sapd.aspx

Qualifications:

Admission to the program is open to any-one who is at least **18 years of age**, has a good standing in the community and is a resident of the City of San Antonio. All applicants must pass a thorough background investigation.

For More Information:

For more information on class schedules or for an application, visit our web-site or contact the program coordinator during regular business hours (7:45 am to 4:30 pm) at:

S.A.P.D. Training Academy
12200 SE Loop 410
San Antonio, Texas 78221
Phone: 210-207-6262 Fax: 210-207-6202

San Antonio Police Department Training Center

12200 SE Loop 410
San Antonio, Texas
78221 (210) 207-6262

Mission Statement

The San Antonio Police Department is dedicated to improving the quality of life by creating a safe environment in partnership with the people we serve. We act with integrity to reduce fear and crime while treating all with respect, compassion, and fairness.

William McManus
Chief of Police

San Antonio Police Department

Citizen Police Academy

Promoting Community Awareness Through Citizen Participation

Citizen Police Academy

The Citizen Police Academy (CPA) was introduced in March of 1994 in order to educate San Antonio citizens about the structure and activities of their police department. While the CPA class is not a "training class", it is an exciting opportunity which provides a behind-the-scenes look at the various functions within the San Antonio Police Department.

Our program operates on the premise that informed educated citizens will be supportive of police officers and the Department. Additionally, those completing the program have the potential of becoming more productive within their own neighbor-hoods and communities.

During the program, classroom presentations, lectures and "hands-on" experiences, offer participants valuable insight into the operations of the San Antonio Police Department. These experiences along with the two-way communication established, further our effort in improving the quality of life for residential and business communities throughout the city!

Course Objectives

The Citizen Police Academy is designed to build a bond of mutual trust and respect between the Police Department and our citizens. Additionally, the academy highlights the importance of citizen participation in public safety, so that we as a community may remain free from the fear of crime.

Class Topics

Experienced police officers and instructors offer briefings, demonstrations, and engage in frank discussions about police operations with class participants. Topics covered during class include an overview of our department structure, information on police recruiting and training, and hands-on workshops in various areas. Some of the areas explored include:

Hostage Negotiators
Criminal Investigations
Firearms Training Simulator (F.A.T.S.)
Firearms Training
K-9 Unit
S.A.F.F.E./Cellular on Patrol
Special Weapons & Tactics (SWAT)
Vice/Internet Crimes
Helicopter Unit
Gang Unit
Identity Theft

Class Schedule

This eleven-week course is offered three times per year. Participants meet one night per week, generally on Tuesday's from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. at the San Antonio
Police Training Academy,
12200 SE Loop 410,

Citizen Police Academy 2013 Class Schedule

2013-A January 15, 2013 - March 26, 2013
2013-B April 9, 2013 - June 18, 2013
2013-C October 8, 2013-December 17, 2013

Graduation

Citizens successfully completing the CPA program receive a Certificate of Completion. Each graduate is then eligible to join the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA). CPAAA members meet bi-monthly to discuss on-going operations and needs within the Department. Based on those needs, CPAAA members are given an opportunity to volunteer their services towards specified projects.