

# WOODWAY PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY APPLICATION



DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ RACE: \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

## **A LIMITED BACKGROUND CHECK WILL BE DONE ON ALL APPLICANTS**

DRIVERS LICENSE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Organizations(s) you are involved with, and what awards or recognition you have received: Don't be shy!!

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Have you ever been arrested/convicted of a crime? If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you wish to attend the Citizens' Police Academy? \_\_\_\_\_

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How did you hear about the Citizens' Police Academy? \_\_\_\_\_

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The Woodway Public Safety Department is currently planning the next Citizens' Police Academy. The academy will begin in February. Classes will be held each Thursday night for eleven weeks. Applicants should be at least 18 years of age, reside or own a business in the Woodway area, pass a background check, and be willing to commit to the classes.

For more information, contact the Woodway Public Safety Department at 772-4470.

Please return the completed application to:

920 Estates Drive

Woodway, TX 76712

Or drop it off at the Woodway Public Safety building.



## **CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY FACTS**

### **What is a Citizens' Police Academy?**

The Citizens' Police Academy is a group of citizens who are interested in learning more about how their Public Safety Department operates and the challenges our City faces. It should help citizens gain a better understanding of why certain verdicts are given. Participants in each session commit to meetings for three hours, one night per week, for eleven weeks, to learn about each aspect of the Department. The sessions will be in the Woodway Public Safety Departments' Training room.

### **What is the purpose of the Citizens' Police Academy?**

The purpose of the academy is to enhance the positive relations between the Department and the community through education. The goals are to create a growing nucleus of responsible, well-informed citizens who have the potential of influencing the public opinions about police and fire services. Citizens will gain an appreciation of problems and challenges facing law enforcement and have an opportunity to offer comments and ideas regarding solutions.

### **How are citizens selected?**

The Department seeks to fill each session with a cross section of community representatives. Spaces are on a first come first service basis.

### **What subjects are covered?**

A variety of topics are covered that will highlight each section and its duties. The academy will begin with a history of the department and a tour of the facilities.

Additional topics will include department organization, patrol division, detective division, communications, court, records, reserve division, fire services, training, use of force and firearms, street survival and crime prevention. In addition, we may invite guest speakers from the District Attorney's Office and the McLennan County Sheriff's Office. Besides the classroom time, students have the opportunity to ride with patrol officers on their regular shifts and attend a practice session on the training grounds.

### **Who instructs the academy?**

Instructors are officers and personnel from the Department, and other support personnel, who will speak on their area of expertise. The academy is coordinated through the Department's training section.

### **How do I apply to attend?**

Complete and send in the attached application. A background check will be completed. We will notify you if you are selected to participate in the next academy. There is no fee.