



The Roanoke Police Department is a Nationally Accredited Law Enforcement Agency that traces its beginnings to the year 1874. In that year the village of Big Lick was incorporated into a town and the first official Law Enforcement Officer was appointed.

Then, as it continues today, the mission of the Roanoke Police Department and its dedicated members make a concerted effort to provide honest, efficient, and effective law enforcement services with a daily objective to maintain the protection of life, property, and civil liberties for all people in a fair and equitable manner.



A Nationally Accredited Police Agency

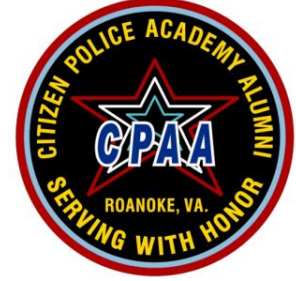
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ROANOKE CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY



Classes starting March 2021

**REINFORCING THE
THIN BLUE LINE
WITH UNDERSTANDING
THROUGH EDUCATION**

ROANOKE CITY CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY



What is the Citizen Police Academy?

The Roanoke Citizen Police Academy provides an excellent opportunity for citizens, who work and live in the City of Roanoke, to become familiar with the day-to-day operations of the Police Department. This will enable participants to gain a better understanding of the procedures, guidelines, responsibilities, demands, personnel, equipment, policies and laws that guide the Department's decisions. It is not intended to make citizens into police officers, but to allow citizens to learn more about police operations. Citizens will become informed as to the actual role of the police and in return, the police will benefit from the wealth of knowledge the citizens can give about their community.

The Citizen Police Academy is our opportunity to show how serious our commitment is to our community. It is our hope that the participants of our Academy will develop an understanding of law enforcement and will be able to formulate responsible conclusions concerning police activities.

Who May Attend the Academy?

Citizens, who live and work in the Roanoke valley as well as family members of police officers, are eligible to apply to the Academy. Must be at least 20 years of age.

A criminal record is checked on each applicant. The Roanoke Police Department reserves the right to deny acceptance to persons with a criminal history.

How are the Classes conducted?

Students meet on Thursday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for 14 weeks that will also include hands-on demonstrations. Students will receive a total of 42 hours of instruction from certified police officers and other expert instructors. On the 14th week, the Police Department will conduct a graduation ceremony for the participants that successfully complete the Academy.

Students have the option to participate in the police ride-a-long program. This experience will provide the student with first-hand knowledge of what it is like to work as a patrol officer.

The Citizen Police Academy will be offered twice a year; in the spring and fall.

***Note* Before each class a light dinner will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

- **Apply on Line At www.Roanokeva.gov/police**
- **Go to Citizens Police Academies**

What Subjects Are Taught in Class?

- CPA History
- Roanoke Police Department History/Facts
- Search and Seizure
- Professional Standards "Internal Affairs"
- Gang Investigations
- Project Life Saver and Mental disorders
- Driving Demo, DUI, Traffic Stops
- Tour of the Jail, E911 Center, Roanoke City Jail, P.D.
- Tactical Response Team , Defensive Tactics
- Majors Crimes/Crime Scene investigation
- Drug investigations, Mountain Bike, School Officers
- Crime Analysis, geographic, Policing
- K9, Street Crimes, auto theft, animal control



How Can Information from This Academy Be Used by the Police?

The Roanoke Police Department believes public opinion and knowledge is essential to establish the community policing concept. Opinions provided from citizens will play a vital role in the future of the police department.

The more information the public has about the police department, the less fears will exist. Many conflicts are caused simply by a lack of understanding, and these can be avoided.

It is our hope that graduates of the Citizen Police Academy take their knowledge into the community, educate others when the opportunity arises, and make decisions which affect the city and police department with heightened awareness and better information. Additionally, graduates become extra eyes and ears to observe and report crimes or suspicious activities throughout our area.

Is there a Fee for the Citizen Police Academy?

NO. The Roanoke Police Department provides this service to the community free of charge. The Academy is sponsored by the City of Roanoke, area businesses, and private sponsors.