

Dear Citizen:

The Kingsport Police Department would like to thank you for your interest in our Citizens' Academy. The Academy consists of condensed topics taken from the basic police training which state law requires all law enforcement personnel to complete in order to become certified police officers.

This Academy is being sponsored by the Police Department to increase public awareness, to improve community relations, and to give citizens the opportunity to become involved. It is not our intent to train you to become police officers but to acquaint you with some of the procedures of law enforcement and provide an information exchange. The Academy should offer both participants and instructors the opportunity to learn more about the needs of each other and to answer that question that you have always wanted to ask.

The class will meet one night a week from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 or 9:30 p.m. for approximately ten weeks. A sample curriculum and an application are attached.

If you are interested in attending the Academy, please complete the attached application and return it to the Kingsport Police Department. We will notify you of acceptance and of the dates of our next class. If you are interested in attending but reluctant to apply due to scheduling conflicts, please go ahead and fill out an application anyway and return it. We typically offer Academy classes periodically throughout the year, and we hope that at some point we can offer a class that will meet with your schedule. For additional information please feel free to contact Community Relations and Crime Prevention Officer Tom Patton at (423) 229-9433.

Sincerely,

Gale Osborne
Chief of Police