

# AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY POLICE ACADEMY

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**101 COMPLETED SESSIONS**  
**2,716 GRADUATES**



# ***“UNDERSTANDING THROUGH EDUCATION”***

The Community Police Academy was established in January 1987.

The Community Police Academy is a fourteen-week program designed to give class participants a working knowledge of the Austin Police Department. The CPA is a unique opportunity for participants to learn more about law enforcement, while fostering relationships between police officers and the community members they serve.

As of December 2019, the CPA has graduated 2,716 community members from 101 classes.

## **Class Curriculum**

- **Meet the Chief**
- **History of Policing in Austin**
- **Perspectives of Racial Profiling**
- **History of Racial Divides in Austin Communities**
- **Recruiting Unit**
- **APD Cadet Training Unit**
- **Internal Affairs Unit**
- **Special Investigations Unit**
- **District Representatives Unit**
- **Emergency Communications**
- **Public Information Unit**
- **Response to Resistance Unit**
- **Force Review Unit**
- **Crisis Intervention Unit**
- **Critical Incidents Unit**
- **Family Violence Unit**
- **Sex Crimes Unit**
- **Gang Unit**
- **Human Trafficking Unit**
- **Bomb Squad Unit**
- **K-9 Unit**
- **S.W.A.T**
- **Air Operations Unit**
- **Burglary Unit**
- **Robbery Unit**
- **Homicide Unit**
- **Cold Case Unit**
- **Austin Regional Intelligence Center**
- **Tactical Intelligence Unit**
- **Mounted Patrol Unit**
- **Animal Cruelty Unit**
- **Police Activities League Unit**

# Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of conducting a Community Police Academy?

- To provide participants information about departmental policies and procedures through a variety of unit presentations led by officers and/or civilian partners. To foster communication and trust while building relationships between police officers and their community.

When and where does the class meet?

- The upcoming spring 2024 class will meet on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-9:30 p.m.
- The class will meet most evenings at 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive, Austin, Texas 78752.
- Two class evenings will be held at alternate locations (see below).

Public transportation is accessible to class locations.

Please visit <https://www.capmetro.org/using-schedmap> and <https://www.capmetro.org/accessibility> for more information.

Who attends the Community Police Academy?

- Community members who live and/or work in Austin. Participants must be at least 18 years of age. Citizenship is not required.

To apply for the Community Police Academy...

- You must be at least 18 years of age and live and/or work in the Austin area.
- You must be eligible- see [Disqualifiers](#).
- You must agree to a background check.
- Review the schedule below:
- Class 103, spring 2024, will meet on Tuesday evening weekly with the exception of two classes that will meet on a Monday. See the schedule below for more information.
- Class schedule: Tuesday, February 6, through Tuesday, May 14, 2024, from 5:30-9:30 p.m.
- There will not be class Tuesday, March 12, 2024 (Spring break week).
- Class Graduation is Friday, May 17, 2023, at 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Class location(s): 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr., Austin, TX 78752 (12 classes)  
5010 Manor Drive, Austin, TX, 78744 (1 class)  
4800 Shaw Lane, Austin, TX, 78723 (1 class)
- The deadline to enroll for Class 103 is Monday, November 27, 2023. This class has 50 spots available and is first come, first serve. Applications will be processed in the order they are received. The application will be closed once the class is filled.

- Each participant is expected to attend all classes of the Community Police Academy. More than two absences may result in dismissal from class.
- There are two Community Police Academy sessions per year (spring and fall sessions).

HOW TO APPLY:

- Complete the CPA Application [Here](#). The deadline to enroll for Class 103 is Monday, November 27, 2023. This class has 50 spots available and is first come, first serve. Applications will be processed in the order they are received. The application will be closed once the class is filled.
- If you have any questions, please email: [APDCPA@austintexas.gov](mailto:APDCPA@austintexas.gov)