

We Make Richmond A Safer City Through  
Community Policing And Engagement.



Applications are now being accepted for the  
**Richmond Police Department's  
34<sup>th</sup> Citizens Police Academy**

Evenings Beginning October 2022 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm  
*Sessions will be held in various locations. Participants should have reliable transportation.*

**NOTE: The Citizen Academy will be taught in English and Spanish**

**FAQs:**

**WHAT IS THE CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY?** This **FREE** Citizens Police Academy is designed to introduce citizens to the RPD, improve relationships with RPD, help participants gain knowledge of police operations, develop stronger advocates and promote safety in the community through crime prevention training. Sessions will include, but not be limited to: RPD patrol functions, crime prevention through environmental design, personal safety, hands-on exercises and so much more.

**WHO MAY ATTEND?** The Academy is perfect for persons interested in a career in law enforcement or who want to learn how to create safer communities. Citizens are expected to attend and participate in at least 80% of the sessions.

**WHAT HAPPENS AFTER GRADUATION?** Graduates of the Citizens Police Academy officially become Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS). Members of VIPS are notified of volunteer opportunities, events, special programs and services with RPD. Graduates may be also called to participate on special boards and planning committees.

**HOW DO I APPLY?**

Citizens should complete the Citizen's Academy application and return to [RPDCares@richmondgov.com](mailto:RPDCares@richmondgov.com)

