

The class schedule will be as follows:

- Tuesday April 30th
07:00 PM – 09:00 PM
- Saturday May 4th
08:00 AM – 02:00 PM
- Tuesday May 7th
07:00 PM – 09:00 PM
- Saturday May 11th
08:00 AM – 02:00 PM

Graduation Ceremony TBA

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VISION

The Belmont Police Department envisions a relationship with the community to achieve an improved state of economic well-being and enhanced quality of life through crime prevention, enforcement of laws, promotion of safety and reduction of fear. We are committed to provide a professional, effective and timely response to crime and disorder while providing the highest quality of service to the community.

MISSION

The mission of the Belmont Police Department is to serve all people that live, work and travel within our city with dignity, respect and fairness. We are committed to providing our community with the highest quality of service and protection to all persons with respect and compassion without prejudice.

**BELMONT POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

**CITIZENS
POLICE ACADEMY
INFORMATION**



What is the Citizens Police Academy?

The Citizens Police Academy is a 16 hour program designed to provide Belmont residents, in an academy setting, first-hand information about how their police department works. Participation in the Academy requires attendance to all classes which consists of classroom lectures and hands on exercises. The Academy includes a visit to the Gaston County Jail and Gaston County Communications. Participants are required to complete one ride along with a patrol officer.

What is the purpose of the Academy?

The Academy is designed to increase understanding between citizens and the police through education. Our intent is to acquaint citizens with law enforcement's role in the criminal justice system, and provide increased understanding of the challenges police officers face in their daily work. With better understanding, it becomes easier for police and citizens to find realistic solutions to neighborhood problems.

What subjects are included?

The sessions begin with the presentation of the Department's philosophy of Community Oriented Policing. Sessions will include classes on Community Policing, Property &

Evidence, Patrol Procedures, Officer Responsibilities-both on and off duty, Virtual Police Firearms Training (PRISM), Driver Training in Police Vehicles, Criminal Investigations, Narcotics Investigations, Traffic / Crash Investigations, and 911 Communications. Members will have the opportunity to observe officer training and actions during their ride with an on-duty police officer. Throughout the program participants are encouraged to ask questions and discuss topics with Department personnel.

Who teaches the Academy Sessions?

The instructors are officers and personnel from the Department who teach in their own areas of expertise. Each instructor has years of training and experience in the subject. The officers also bring their street experience into the classroom.

How are participants selected?

The Department attempts to reflect the broadest possible range within our community; to include young and old, men and women, and representatives of special ethnic, cultural and civic groups.

How to apply...

Sessions of the Citizens Police Academy begin in the spring. There is no fee for the Academy. Applications can be found online at www.cityofbelmont.org or at the Belmont Police Department front desk. You will be notified if you are selected for the next session.

Community Oriented Policing

The Belmont Police Department's philosophy of Community Oriented Policing seeks to create a partnership with our citizens. This philosophy encourages citizens to develop a sense of cooperation with police with the common goal of providing a safe community for all citizens. The Citizens Police Academy is a program that has been developed from the Community Oriented Policing philosophy.

Applicants must be at least 16 years old

Applications can be found online at www.cityofbelmont.org or at the Belmont Police Department and should be turned into the front desk between 9 AM – 5PM.

Application Deadline is April 24th