



# Merced Police Department

## Citizen Police Academy

### Enrollment Application and Program Information

#### **Program Description**

The Merced Police Department Citizen Police Academy is an 11-week program that consists of one three hour session per week. The program is intended to:

- Give citizens an overview of their police department's functions and operating procedures
- Expose the participant to some of the training required of officers
- Develop a partnership with citizens and obtain valuable feedback regarding making our community safer

#### **Participation**

Potential candidates for the Citizen Police Academy must meet the following criteria:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Live or work in the City of Merced
- No felony convictions
- No misdemeanors within one year of application
- Attend at least 80% of academy classes
- Participation is limited to twenty-five students per Academy Class

#### **Selection Process**

Citizen Police Academy participants are selected by the Chief of Police through an application process

- Upon receipt, applications are screened for completion of all requested information
- A modified background check is completed on each applicant
- Program Coordinator will provide input to the Chief of Police, who will make the final selection.
- Any requirement may be waived or modified upon review and approval by the Chief of Police.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Other Names Used Date of Birth

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Work Cell/Alternate

California Driver License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Address Phone Relationship

**Participation**

I. Have you ever been arrested?  Yes (give explanation below)  No  
If yes: Charge \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_ Disposition \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. The Citizen's Police Academy is an 11-week program, can you commit to attending a minimum of 80% (or 9 sessions) of the classes?  Yes  No

**Attendance at all Citizen Academy classes is considered mandatory. Absence may be cause for withdrawing the participant from the program. Exception is granted only under the most unusual circumstances and may be granted by the Program Coordinator. Appeal of the decision may be made to the Chief of Police.**

I understand the purpose of the Merced Police Department Citizen Police Academy and that completion of this application does not ensure acceptance into the program.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this application and any supporting documents to: Citizen Police Academy  
Attn: Lt. Andre Matthews  
Merced Police Department  
611 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Merced, CA 95340  
Office: (209) 385-8885

The Merced Police Department does not discriminate among applicants and participants on the basis of race, religion, sex national origin, color, age, or disability.