



Ripon Police Department

Community Police Academy Program Information



The Ripon Police Department Community Police Academy is a nine-week program designed to educate members of our community about law enforcement in our community through various methods of instruction including lectures, activities, discussions and scenario training. In addition to learning about law enforcement and community service, students will have the opportunity to explore new career opportunities and develop relationships that will last well beyond the course.

Objectives:

- To promote the Ripon Police Department as an agency that is dedicated to the members of our community.
- To educate the public about the necessity of a positive community/police relationship.
- To provide members of the public the opportunity to learn from officers who have knowledge in a variety of areas of law enforcement.
- To provide transparency and build trusting relationships with the members of our community.
- To have fun and enjoy comradeship with people who live and work in our community.

Participation Requirements:

1. Applicants must live or work within our community or sphere of influence to participate.
2. Be at least 18 years of age.
3. Participants shall have no felony convictions, outstanding warrants, or pending criminal cases and will be subject to a cursory criminal records check.
4. Participants are allowed two absences.
5. Although students will not be forced to participate in anything they feel uncomfortable with, students will be required to participate in discussions and most activities.
6. Participants must adhere to department rules while in attendance.
7. Each student will have the OPTION to complete one ride-along with a Ripon Police Officer or Community Service Officer. A ride-along will be arranged through the Citizen Police Academy Coordinator. Each participant must complete a waiver prior to participating in a ride-along.

Dress Code:

- Comfortable and casual attire is encouraged; however, cutoffs, tank tops, or similar attire is not permitted. T-shirts with objectionable slogans or graphics are prohibited.
- Closed toe shoes are required, preferably tennis-type shoe is preferred.

Selection Process:

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

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