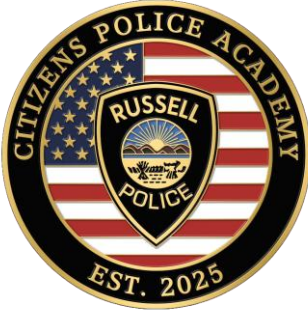




Citizens Police Academy

What Is the Citizens Police Academy?

The Citizen Police Academy is a free community education program intended to build lasting relationships between program participants and the Russell Township Police Department. The program will give participants an inside look at the values, philosophies, and operations of the Police Department. This program allows citizens and police officers to meet and interact in a positive and proactive setting to share ideas and information.

What Topics Are Covered?

Participants will have the opportunity to learn about many topics related to law enforcement. Topics will include Patrol Operations, Use of Force, Crime Scene Investigation, First Aid /CPR, Less Lethal/Non-Lethal, and Specialty Units (SWAT, UAS, Missing Persons, Accident Unit). Participants will also learn about how individuals become police officers and the on-going training that officers receive.

When Is the Academy?

The Citizen Police Academy runs for 8 weeks and classes are held once a week on Tuesday evenings for two hours. Classes will primarily convene at the Russell Township Community Building, and typically last from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Classes for the 2026 Session will begin August 25, 2026 and run through October 13, 2026.

Who Can Apply?

Any member of the Russell Township community who meets the following criteria:

1. Applicants must be a current Russell Township resident in good standing.
2. Applicant must be 18 years of age or older.
3. No prior felony convictions or pending litigation.



Citizens Academy Application Form

Applicant must be 18 years of age or older to attend the Citizens Academy.
Applicants must currently be a Russell Township resident in good standing.
No prior felony convictions or pending litigation.

Date: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

DOB: _____ Age: _____ Driver's License #: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Mobile #: _____

Occupation: _____

In case of emergency please notify:

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

Relationship: _____

Please answer (yes or no) to the following question and provide explanations where needed.

1. Have you ever been arrested for a crime other than traffic offenses? Yes No

If yes, please explain with disposition and dates.

(Note: Any applicant convicted of a felony is ineligible to attend.)

2. Do you have a valid driver's license? Yes No

3. Are you 18 years of age or older? Yes No

4. Do you have any special needs that require accommodation in order for you to participate in this program? Yes No

Explain if you circled yes:

5. Are you allergic to anything? _____
Please explain:

6. How did you hear about the Citizens Academy?

7. Do you know someone who has already gone through the Citizens Academy before?

Yes No If yes who?

I hereby certify that there are no willful falsifications, omissions, or misrepresentations in the foregoing statements and answers to questions. I understand that any omission or false statement on this application shall be sufficient cause for rejection for enrollment or dismissal from the Russell Township Department Citizens Police Academy. I also grant permission for the Russell Township Police Department to verify the above information contained on this application and check for prior criminal history.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Please return completed application to the Russell Township Police Department
For questions contact us at 440-338-6212



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Participant and Waiver of Liability Agreement

The Russell Township Police Department has developed a program intended to give interested participants practical contact with the Police Department and the law enforcement profession.

By the very nature of participation, there are risks involved and the participant will be exposed to the same type of risks as a police officer. The participant may, without advance warning, find him or herself in situations that are potentially hazardous during the observation of police department personnel and use or demonstration of police department equipment. Possible injuries to the participant could be very minor or could include serious mental and/or physical injuries, including death. The participant assumes all risks of illness and injury during participation.

In consideration of being allowed to participate I agree: (A) to assume risks of injury and property damage and accept all responsibility in case of accident, injury or death; (B) to release Russell Township, the Russell Township Police Department, and all officials, employees, and volunteers from any and all liability arising from participation; (C) to hold harmless Russell Township, its officials, agents, employees, volunteers, and all others connected with Russell Township, from any and all actions claims, demands, suits, liabilities, losses, damages, or costs which I may have as a result of any accident, injury or death incurred or suffered by me during participation; (D) that this agreement shall be binding upon my heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns.

I further agree to observe and obey the regulation, policies, and directions, oral or written, of the Russell Township Police Department or other emergency personnel. The Russell Township Police Department may at any time terminate my participation in this program for any reason, without prior notice or cause. During my participation, I will not be considered in any way an employee or volunteer of the Russell Township Police Department or Russell Township.

I acknowledge receipt and review of this agreement and agree to abide by its terms and conditions.

Participant:

Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____

Print Name: _____ Phone No: _____

Address: _____