

# **FREDERICKSBURG CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY**

## **WHAT IS THE CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY?**

**The Academy is designed for the citizens of Fredericksburg and Gillespie County who are interested in learning more about how their Police Department operates and the challenges the Department faces on a day-to-day basis. The Academy runs 8 weeks and classes meet every Tuesday evening for approximately 2 hours per class. Generally, class begins at 6:30 pm and runs until approximately 8:30 pm. Classes are held at the Law Enforcement Center City Council Room or in the Gillespie County Jail Training Room.**

## **WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY?**

**The purpose of the Fredericksburg Citizen Police Academy is to enhance, through education, the positive relationship between the Department and the community. Our goals are to create a growing nucleus of responsible, well informed citizens who have the potential to influence public opinion about police services, to enable citizens to gain an appreciation of problems and challenges facing Law Enforcement and to offer comments and ideas regarding solutions. Completion of the Academy also affords citizens an opportunity to assist the Department in many functions where civilian participation is greatly needed and appreciated. Upon graduation, each graduate is eligible to become a member of the FREDERICKSBURG VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SUPPORT (FVPS).**

## **HOW DO I ATTEND?**

**Complete and send in the attached application. You will be notified if you are selected to participate in the next Academy. The Department seeks to fill each session with a class of approximately 20 citizens who represent a cross section of the community. There is no fee.**

## **WHAT SUBJECTS ARE COVERED?**

**A wide variety of topics are covered. The Academy will begin with a brief history of the Department and a tour of the Departmental facilities. Additional topics will include specific details about each division within the Department and other agencies of Law Enforcement. Some examples of these topics are Departmental Organization, Patrol, Criminal Investigation, Juvenile Investigation and Child Abuse, Communications, Use of Force and Firearms, Police Training, Traffic and Downtown Patrol. Instructors are officers and personnel from within the Department as well as support personnel and professionals from some outside agencies. Each will speak on his/her area of expertise.**

**If you have any questions regarding the Academy,  
please contact Sergeant Brian Vorauer  
at the Law Enforcement Center 830-997-7585.**

# FREDERICKSBURG CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY APPLICATION

THE NEXT CLASS STARTS TUESDAY – \_\_\_\_\_

Please return application to the Law Enforcement Center, 1601 E. Main St.  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE – YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED PRIOR TO START DATE

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| _____<br>Name (print clearly or type)                                  | _____<br>Place of Employment   |
| _____<br>Address   | _____<br>Address   |
| _____<br>City, State, Zip Code   | _____<br>City, State, Zip Code   |
| _____<br>Phone Number  | _____<br>Phone Number  |
| _____<br>Cell Phone Number   | May we give your phone number to<br>class members?<br>Home _____ Work _____<br>(Write YES or NO) |
| _____<br>E-Mail  |  |
| _____<br>Previous address<br>(if less than 2 years at present address) | _____<br>Profession<br>(if retired, profession before retirement)                                |
| _____<br>Date of Birth   | M _____ F _____<br>Sex   |
| Any arrests (other than traffic)?                                      | Drivers License # _____<br>YES ___ NO ___  |

If yes, for what offense \_\_\_\_\_  
When \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_ Explain the Circumstances \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please read and sign:  
I understand that prior to acceptance, applicants will be investigated for criminal offenses. A prior conviction will not automatically disqualify an applicant and will be considered only as it relates to the academy. The Fredericksburg Police Department is hereby authorized to investigate my personal history as deemed necessary for consideration to enter the Fredericksburg Citizen Police Academy.

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Usual Signature of Applicant

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Date

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POLICE DEPARTMENT USE

Applicant Approved by \_\_\_\_\_ Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_