



## **PITTSBURGH CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY**

Twice a year, the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police sponsors an opportunity for members of the community to become closely acquainted with the roles and responsibilities of the Police Bureau. The Pittsburgh Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) brings the police and the community close together in a setting that offers a sample of police training to each participant.

Participants receive three hours of training one evening each week for 15 weeks in many of the varied functions of law enforcement. They experience some of the highlights of police training and are exposed to the operations of the police bureau. Participants are taught the basics of criminal law, search and seizure, patrol tactics, firearms and many other subjects. They learn about the processing of a crime scene, how police canines are used, and are exposed to many of the specialty police units. CPA participants meet and talk with many of the street officers as well as the command staff and training staff that serves them. All this takes place in a safe and entertaining training environment.

Instructors are law enforcement professionals who teach both veteran and recruit police officers. Students leave this training with a greater understanding of the police mission and with an increased ability to see how the police serve the community.

***This program is not an accredited certification course to become a sworn police officer.***

The next session of the CPA will begin on Wednesday, February 8, 2012, at the offices of the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership located at 925 Liberty Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> floor. The program will be held each Wednesday evening, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for 15 weeks.

Class size is limited to 30 participants. All interested persons must complete an application and give permission for the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police to conduct a background check to determine if they have a criminal record. The CPA application can be found at [http://www.pittsburghpa.gov/police/citizens\\_police\\_academy.htm](http://www.pittsburghpa.gov/police/citizens_police_academy.htm). *Please return applications by U.S. mail or hand-deliver to the Pittsburgh Police Training Academy. All applications must be received by January 30, 2012.*

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