



Mission Statement

The mission of the La Vergne Police Department is to provide and maintain a safe environment in which people can live and work in our community without fear. Every member of the department acknowledges his/her obligation to provide professional law enforcement services by rendering aid to those in need, providing an environment free from fear, relentlessly seeking-out and bringing to justice those who violate the law, and protecting all persons and property equally, in accordance with legal and high ethical standards.

Our Values

- Professionalism
- Integrity
- Honor
- Respect

Our Motto

Canis Pastoralis Sumus
"We are the Sheepdogs!"

Our Mantra

"What we do for ourselves dies with us.
What we do for others in the world remains and is Immortal."
-Robert Pine, Actor

What is the Citizen Police Academy?

The Citizen Police Academy is a COMMUNITY program designed to develop understanding of mission values, operations, and a working knowledge of the La Vergne Police Department. It is exclusively created to allow the citizens and business leaders of La Vergne to experience the day-to-day operations of their police department.

The academy offers hands-on experiences and insights into the nature of police services in La Vergne. Classroom training, multi-media presentations, demonstrations, practical exercises, open discussions, and hands-on firearms familiarization is included in the program.

Objective of the La Vergne Citizens Police Academy

It is the goal of the La Vergne Police Department that students develop a clear understanding of police services, assist the department in community relations and advocate in support of police sponsored activities and programs.

There are two sessions a year and each is limited to 20 students. The classes are held each Tuesday night from 6:00 pm until 8:30 pm at La Vergne Police Department. Contact Sgt. Robertson for an application or pick-up at:

La Vergne Police Department
5093 Murfreesboro Road
La Vergne, TN 37086

LA VERGNE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Citizen Police Academy



Mar. 10 - May 19, 2020

Every Tuesday Evening
6:00 PM—8:30 PM

Academy Coordinator

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SOME OF THE COURSE TOPICS COVERED

- Officer Selection & Training
- Police Facility Tour
- Patrol Operations
- Traffic Laws
- D.U.I. Law & Procedures with Impaired Driver Demo
- Criminal Investigations/ Drugs & Narcotics
- Domestic Violence/Victim Services
- The Court System
- Police Firearms
- Crime Scene and Evidence Collection
- Use of Force
- Crime Prevention
- CPR Certification

Who can Attend?

Individuals who apply for the Citizen Police Academy must be at least 18 years of age. They must either live or work in La Vergne or have a vested interest in our city. All applicants will be subject to a background check. Applicants cannot have any felony convictions or outstanding warrants. Classes are limited to 20 people and only those who pre-register will be permitted to attend. Applicants will be informed by phone or in writing as to whether they have been accepted, denied, or placed on a waiting list for a future class.

What are the Benefits?

Community members will become much more informed about the La Vergne Police Department, which will provide for better understanding of what the police can and cannot do. The police and the citizens benefit by meeting each other face to face in a neutral, friendly setting. Participating citizens get to know the person behind the badge. Police are exposed to citizens, who instead of meeting amidst of a problem, are interacting in a non-confrontational, non-threatening environment. As a result, police officers and citizens foster an improved relationship with increased respect for one another. Community leaders and neighborhood activists can enhance their leadership efforts by gaining a better understanding of their police department.

La Vergne Citizen Police Academy History

- First Citizen Police Academy in 2000
- 25+ Citizen Police Academies have been Conducted
- Approximately 350 citizens have participated

