

HOW DO I APPLY?

Complete the application form on the first panel of this brochure and mail to:

Santa Monica Police Department
Community Affairs Unit
333 Olympic Drive
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Or, e-mail to:
community.affairs@smgov.net

Or, you can access this form on the web at:
www.santamonicapd.org

An application deadline is set for each Academy session. Call the Community Affairs Unit at 310-458-8474 for further information.

If you have missed an application deadline, send in your completed application. We will include you on our waiting list and contact you for the next Community Police Academy.

NOTE:

Community Police Academy classes are in no way designed to train participants to act as law enforcement officers.

HOW AM I SELECTED?

Community Police Academy participants are selected through an application process conducted by the SMPD Community Affairs Unit and approved by the Chief of Police.

Each Community Police Academy class has a limited enrollment. Candidates for the Academy must meet the following criteria:

- Minimum 18 years of age.
- Live, work, or attend school in Santa Monica.
- Have no felony convictions.
- Have no pending criminal cases or outstanding warrants for your arrest.
- Be able to attend at least 80 percent of the program.
- Sign participation waiver forms.

Note: A criminal history check will be conducted to verify information provided by the participant. Any requirement may be waived or modified upon the review and approval of the Chief of Police.

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APPLICATION

**Chief Kenneth Semko
Interim Chief of Police**

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COMMUNITY POLICE ACADEMY APPLICATION

Please print clearly.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Day Phone: () _____

Mobile Phone: () _____

Birth Date: _____

E-mail: _____

Driver's License #: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Business Address: _____

Other than a minor traffic violation, have you ever been charged or convicted of a violation of the law? [] No [] Yes

If yes, briefly explain:

List any civic/professional organization of which you are a member:

If you have a disability, please let us know so that we may make the necessary accommodations.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY POLICE ACADEMY?

The Santa Monica Police Department is very pleased to provide the community with an inside look at our practice of local law enforcement through our Community Police Academy. The program is comprised of 10-12 sessions designed to give participants an overview of the Department and its functions, responsibilities, and operational procedures.

Classes are taught by police officers, police executives, and highly specialized civilian employees of the SMPD. In addition, participants have the opportunity to interact with the Chief of Police and other members of the Department.

Throughout the Academy, classes are conducted in a variety of formats. The classes may consist of demonstrations, discussions, lectures, and interactive exercises.

There is **no cost** involved, and all class materials are provided to participants.

Classes cover a variety of topics such as:

- Criminal investigations
- Evidence gathering
- Driving under the influence
- Community Policing
- Gangs
- Narcotics

Activities and demonstrations may include:

- Simulated traffic stop
- SWAT Team
- K-9 demonstration

WHEN ARE THE ACADEMY CLASSES?

The Santa Monica Police Department offers the Academy twice a year — in the spring and fall.

Academy classes meet one night per week, three (3) hours per session, for up to 12 weeks. Most classes are held at the Santa Monica Police Department Headquarters. Graduation is held during the last week of the Academy.

Participants who have successfully completed the course receive a Certificate of Completion and a special memento of the Community Police Academy.

All participants are encouraged to invite friends and family to attend the graduation festivities.

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