
Actual Comments from Vernon Hills CPA Participants

"I found the entire experience very enlightening and educational."

"I have a new respect for the members of the police department and now realize how much their job entails."

"I had the chance to get to know officers as people - not just cops."

"This class was a great opportunity for people to see exactly what is involved in police work."

"This program has personalized the police department for me."

"It's great!"

"A very good program. Great community relations."

"I really enjoyed the whole experience."

"I thought the class was a lot of fun! Great chance to meet some of the officers in the community."

"I loved it."

"The program has successfully exposed me to the job requirements, selection process, training and daily requirements for the Vernon Hills police officers."

"It helped me understand your every day job."

"I really enjoyed it and learned not only more about the job of a police officer, but that they are also human beings."

Want to learn more about the
Vernon Hills
Citizen's Police Academy?
Want to sign up?

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What is the Vernon Hills Citizen's Police Academy?

The Vernon Hills Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) is a community-oriented policing program designed for Vernon Hills' residents. The objective is to provide our residents with an understanding of the Village of Vernon Hills' mission, values and operations within the Vernon Hills Police Department.

The CPA allows members of the police department and citizens of Vernon Hills to meet, share ideas and information, and interact in a very positive and proactive setting.

The program includes classroom training, open discussion, video training, demonstrations, hands-on practicals and ride-alongs.

What Topics are Covered in the Vernon Hills CPA?

CPA participants are given a realistic view of the Vernon Hills Police Department. A wide variety of topics are discussed: police officer testing and the hiring process, patrol procedures, investigations, traffic laws and enforcement, the state prosecutor's role, firearms, self-defense, K-9 operations, traffic stops, DUI laws and enforcement and more. Participants can also go on a ride-along with an officer.

When and Where Does the Vernon Hills CPA Meet?

The Vernon Hills CPA meets once a week, normally on Wednesdays, from 7:00 pm to approximately 9:30 pm at the Vernon Hills Police facility, 740 Lakeview Parkway. The course consists of 10 sessions, as well as a ride-along. A graduation ceremony completes the course.

There is no cost to students who attend the Vernon Hills CPA.



Who Can Attend the Vernon Hills CPA?

You must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and reside in Vernon Hills.

You can have your name placed on the enrollment list by calling the Vernon Hills Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at (847) 247-4889.

The Citizen's Police Academy: Concept and History

The Citizen's Police Academy was born in England in 1977. Known as the Police Night School within the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary, its purpose was to provide responsible citizens with a more comprehensive knowledge of police operations, practices and objectives. Publicity on the first course produced a response so great that there were more interested people than available space. The program grew rapidly as other constabularies established similar schools.

The concept of police officers training citizens crossed over into the United States when the Orlando (Florida) Police Department began their CPA in 1985. Modeling their program after England's Police Night Schools, the OPD modified the English program to make it consistent with American policing and specifically, policing in Orlando.

The Vernon Hills Police Department has conducted Citizen's Police Academies since the spring of 1994.

