

Niagara Regional Police Service

Citizen Police Academy
Police Services Board Meeting
October 2024

Citizen Police Academy - Background

- Citizen police academies were first formed in the late 1970s in the United Kingdom.
- Since that time Citizen Police Academies have become quite popular across North America.
- A citizen police academy is a free opportunity for members of the Niagara communities to meet and interact with police personnel and learn firsthand what police officers and civilian personnel in Niagara do everyday.
- NRPS announced in Police Week May 15, 2024
- 1st class session September 25, 2024



Citizen Police Academy – Goals

- To foster enhanced community/police partnerships by creating an environment of increased trust, cooperation, and collaboration through education and knowledge.
- Provide an opportunity for interested community members to better understand the role of modern-day policing in Niagara.
- Have a better understanding of the policies and laws that guide the decision making of officers and police practices.
- Have an appreciation for the complexities of policing a region and the daily operations of the Niagara Regional Police Service.

Citizen Police Academy – Benefits to the Citizen Participant

- Increased awareness of current policing issues.
- Knowledge of the complexities and subtleties of police work.
- Greater understanding of community involvement in crime and safety issues.
- Tools to assist in making their community safer.
- Opportunity to connect with others in the community concerned about the same issues as yourself.
- Open and ongoing dialogue between the community and the Niagara Regional Police Service.



Citizen Police Academy – Program Details

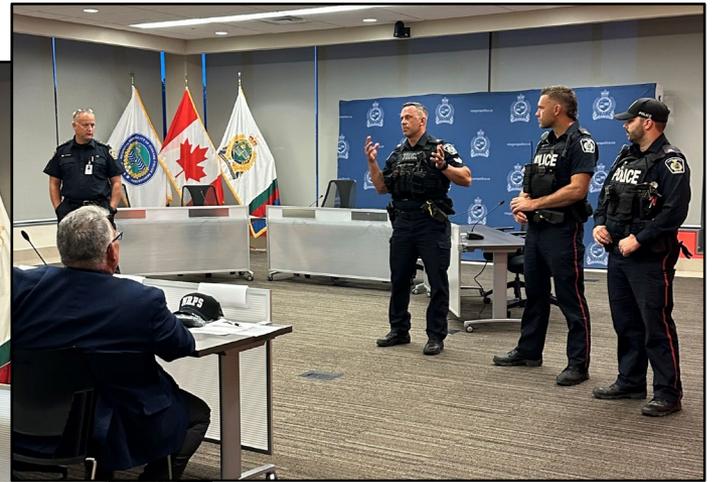
- Program Length
 - 8 Weeks, 1 night a week, 2 hours per night
 - Week 9 – Graduation Night
- Internal Command and Control
 - Corporate Communications Unit
- Costs
 - Staffing
 - Water and light snacks

Citizen Police Academy – Citizen Participants

- Participants were selected to reflect a broad range of individuals within the Niagara communities.
- 100 applicants
- 21 selected

Citizen Police Academy – Topics - 2024

- Patrol – A Day in the Life
- Canine Unit
- Forensic Services
- The Fraud Unit
- Communications Unit & the RTOC
- HQ Building Tour
- Homicide Unit
- Human Trafficking Unit
- Collision Reconstruction Unit
- Internet Child Exploitation Unit
- *Emergency Services (Marine/USRU, ETU/EDU)
- *Training Unit
- Traffic Enforcement Unit
- Recruiting Unit



Questions?

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