



## **Bainbridge Township Police Department to Host Citizens Police Academy in 2023**

Ever wonder what the inside of your police station looks like? What goes on there? How does the department function to keep you safe and our community patrolled? Here's your chance to see the place, to get to know and interact with the people who serve you.

The Bainbridge Township Police Department is very excited to once again host its Citizens Police Academy. This amazing program was on hiatus during the pandemic, but it's back and better than ever! It will begin on Tuesday, September 12 and run for seven consecutive weeks, with the last class being held on Tuesday, October 24. It is held at the Bainbridge Township Police Department every Tuesday from 7:00pm to 9:30pm

The Citizens Police Academy is designed to give participants a working knowledge of the Bainbridge Police Department and increase citizen awareness of day-to-day operations. It is not intended to make citizens into Police Officers, but to allow them to learn more about police operations.

During the sessions, students are presented with information and open discussions on various aspects of police work as they relate to our community. We will cover topics such as crime scene investigations, K-9 demonstrations, firearms and safety, patrol techniques and OVI enforcement. At the end of the program, graduates will be permitted to schedule a "ride-along" with a patrol officer for one evening.

The academy is free and is open to all Bainbridge residents and business owners. If you are interested in attending, you must apply to the Bainbridge Township Police Department. A link to the application is below. Applications may also be picked up at the police department at 8353 Bainbridge Rd., Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023. Applications must be received by August 31<sup>st</sup> and may be dropped off at the station or submitted to Lorrie Benza at [lbenza@pd.bainbridgetwp.com](mailto:lbenza@pd.bainbridgetwp.com).