



BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT Citizens Police Academy FAQ

When and where is this academy?

Our next academy will be held in **2023** beginning on **Tuesday, September 12**. We will meet every **Tuesday** for seven consecutive weeks, with the last class scheduled for **October 24**. Each class will run from 7:00pm – 9:30pm. This academy is held at the Bainbridge Township Police Station, 8353 Bainbridge Rd., Chagrin Falls, OH 44023. The Phone number is: 440-543-8252. This academy is **FREE** to attend.

What is this academy?

The Citizens Police Academy is a great opportunity for citizens to receive an inside perspective of the operations of the Bainbridge Police Department. It gives participants insight into the different aspects of what your police do. Attendees gain an increased awareness of day to day operations, as well as more involved, complex investigations that occur in our community. Participation is promoted and questions are welcome.

What are some of the topics that will be discussed in this academy?

A sample of topics to be covered include crime scene investigation, evidence collection and processing, traffic accident investigation, firearm safety and training, traffic enforcement, patrol techniques, K-9 use and a demonstration, OVI (operating a vehicle under the influence) enforcement, use of truth verification test, legal review that includes from arrest to sentencing and a tour of the police station.

Who teaches the academy?

Your local officers, including Police Chief Jon Bokovitz and individual officers of the Bainbridge Township Police Department. Sometimes guest speakers are brought in for more specialized topics.

Do we get to ride in a police cruiser?

Yes. Upon the conclusion of this academy, participants are given the opportunity to schedule a “ride-along” with one of the uniformed patrol officers.

Can anyone attend this academy?

The preferred participants will be Bainbridge residents and/or Bainbridge business owners. ALL participants must complete an application, which could include a criminal background check. Bainbridge Police reserve the right to deny enrollment to any participants, which would include those who have felony and/or more severe misdemeanor convictions.

How do I enroll in this academy?

All participants must complete and submit an application to this department. These applications are available at the police station or online. Participants will be contacted once their application has been received and reviewed to confirm their enrollment.

Does being enrolled in this academy afford the participants any special privileges and/or arrest powers?

NO. This academy does NOT turn participants into police officers. The goal is to provide an opportunity to citizens to learn more about police operations in their community.

*If you have further questions, call #440-543-8252 and ask for Chief Jon Bokovitz or Lieutenant Kurt Dreger.
Hope to see you there!*