

WHAT IS THE CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY?

The Kent County Sheriff Department Citizen Police Academy has been established to continue the positive movement in the relationships between the citizens of Kent County and their Sheriff Department.

The goal is to develop and enhance citizen awareness and understanding of the police role in the community.

Through this growing nucleus of responsible and well informed citizens, the challenges, practices, and myths about law enforcement will be brought into focus.

Through these cooperative efforts all involved will be able to make Kent County an even greater place to live and work

WHAT WILL THE ACADEMY COVER?

The Academy is set up to be primarily informational. No testing will take place. Topics covered will mirror those mandated for police recruits in traditional academies across the state. The scope will be reduced to be a proper fit for this informational; overview. There will be no law enforcement powers granted through this program.

Topics to be covered include:

- Overview & history of the Department
- Tour of the Correctional Facility
- Patrol officer-standards, training, duty
- Patrol vehicle-equipment and use
- Traffic division-accidents and OUIL
- Investigative Division
- Use of Force-explanation and demo
- Firearms simulator
- TACT Team
- Marine Unit
- Scientific Support Unit
- Legal System
- Community Police Efforts

KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY



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**Kent County
Sheriff Department
Citizen Police Academy
Application**

Email Address:

How did you hear about this program?

Friend _____ Website _____

Other _____

Have you taken a Citizens Police Academy class before? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, where & when:

Describe why you want to participate in the Kent County Sheriff Department Citizen Police Academy?

Past criminal involvement may preclude your participation in this program.

I hereby authorize the Kent County Sheriff Department to conduct a check of criminal records for the purpose of evaluating my application.

Signature

**WHO MAY ATTEND THE
SHERIFF'S CITIZEN POLICE
ACADEMY?**

The Academy is open to citizens of Kent County, 21 years of age and older. The Academy requires a routine background check and a waiver of liability. The academy will be held on one night each week for 3 hours and run for 11 weeks.

The Sheriff, upon review, may modify a requirement for cause.

IS THERE A COST?

There is no cost for this program and all supplies will be furnished to the participants. Your attendance is your Investment.

WHEN? WHERE?

The next Academy will be starting soon & space is limited. The academy will run for 11 consecutive weeks and all sessions are held at the Sheriff Department, 701 Ball Avenue Grand Rapids, MI

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Additional information can be obtained and messages can be left by calling 616-632-6221.

Mail Application To:

Kent County Sheriff Department
Community Services Unit
701 Ball Ave NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

FIRST NAME _____

MIDDLE NAME _____

LAST NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ SEX _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

TOWNSHIP _____

ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____

WORK _____

CELL _____

EMPLOYED BY _____

OCCUPATION _____
