

# San Rafael Police Citizens Academy

The Academy provides community members with an inside look at local law enforcement. During academy training, students will be introduced to a wide range of topics.



The course will provide citizens with an overview of the Police Department's function and operational procedures. During the Academy, students will have an opportunity to ride in a marked patrol car, ride on the patrol boat and fire guns at the indoor shooting range.

# San Rafael Police Department

Academy classes are taught by civilian and sworn police personnel of the San Rafael Police Department. Participants will meet the Chief of Police, Diana Bishop and many members of the department.



The San Rafael Police Department offers two Academy sessions during the year. Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Attendance is not mandatory, however it is highly encouraged. We welcome you to this opportunity to share an insight to the activity and issues within our community, and the complexity of law enforcement demands to satisfy those issues.

# Class Curriculum

We invite you to learn about our department. The classes are as follows, but are not limited to:

- Patrol Procedures
- Special Operations Unit
- Homeless Outreach Program
- Communications Dispatch
- Records
- Police Current Events
- SWAT
- Hostage Negotiations
- Police Sketch
- DUI Investigation
- Traffic
- Police Chaplains
- Use of Force
- Crime Scene Investigations
- Narcotics, Gangs, Human Trafficking
- Investigations and Criminal Law
- K-9 Program
- Youth Service Bureau
- Tour of the San Rafael Police Dept.



# Commonly Asked Questions

## Working with the Community

What are the requirements to attend the academy ?

**Answer:**

Students must be at least 18 years or older, reside or work in the city of San Rafael, and pass a criminal background check.

Does this course prepare me to become a police officer?

**Answer:** No

The intent is not to train citizens to become police officers. This is an informational course to teach you about the different aspects of the police department.

How much does it cost to attend?

**Answer:** Free of charge

The Academy is designed to:

- Encourage increased understanding of police operations
- Enhance awareness of the Police Department's roles, capabilities, and limitations
- Develop realistic expectations of Department response
- Bridge the gap between the community and the Police Department by building trust, respect, and a sense of cooperation
- Provide a forum for police-citizen exchange and dialogue.



**The next class begins on:**

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