



June 23, 2008

Applications are now being accepted for the Citizen's Police Academy that starts on September 9, 2008.

The Citizen Police Academy is a 25 hour block of instruction designed to give the public a working knowledge of The Colony Police Department. It consists of a series of ten classes, held once a week for 2 ½ hours. The instruction is comprehensive and each week covers a different area of the police department. Police officers assigned to work in a particular area will provide instruction.

Diverse topics such as recruitment, training, communications, criminal investigations and narcotics are covered. We place particular emphasis on patrol, the division that the public is most often in contact with. Instruction consists of lectures, demonstrations and tours.

The slogan of the Citizen Police Academy is "**Understanding through Education**". The goal is to provide the citizens who attend enough information to dispel suspicions and misconceptions, and to increase rapport through the education process. In turn, the public helps make the officers more aware of feelings and concerns within the community. Lastly, the students personally meet and talk with officers and the officers interact with all community groups represented.

We hope the graduates of the Citizen Police Academy take their new knowledge out into the community and educate others when the opportunity arises. These citizens will make decisions that affect the police department and our local community with heightened awareness and better information.

The Colony Citizen's Police Academy began in 1994. The next academy that will start September 9, 2008 will be academy #22. If you are interested in joining the class, please contact Officer Mark Phillips at (972) 625-8273 ext. 524, or email mphillips@thecolonytx.gov, go online at www.thecolonypd.org, or stop by The Colony Police Department and pick up an application.