



City of Ridgecrest Police Department

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Press Release

2017 Citizen's Police Academy

The Ridgecrest Police Department is currently accepting applications for the 2017 Citizen's Police Academy. The Citizen's Police Academy is a nine-week program designed to give members of the community an inside look at local law enforcement. During the Academy, students will be introduced to a variety of topics to give them an overview of the Ridgecrest Police Department's function and operational procedures. Graduates from the Academy are encouraged to continue their involvement with the Police Department by becoming one of our Volunteers in Police and Community Together (PACT) and/or the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Participants in the Citizen's Police Academy are selected by through an application process. **Enrollment is limited to twenty (20) students.** Potential candidates must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- **Must be a minimum of 18 years of age**
- **Must live or work in the IWV**
- **Must have NO felony convictions**
- **Must have had no serious misdemeanor convictions in the last 5 years**

The Citizen's Police Academy application and information are available at the Ridgecrest Police Department, 100 W. California Ave., Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. You can also email Sergeant Justin Dampier (email address below) for an application.

- Applications will be accepted until Friday, August 18, 2017
- Classes begin on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Graduation from the Academy will be held Wednesday, November 15, 2017

The Citizen's Police Academy is a great way to learn about your community, meet people, and get to know the men and women of your police department. To learn more about the Academy, please leave a message for Sgt. Justin Dampier at (760) 499-5134 or e-mail him at jdampier@ridgecrest-ca.gov

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