

About the Citizens Police Academy...

The Citizens Police Academy is a fourteen (14) week program designed to give participants an inside look at local law enforcement.

During the Academy students will be introduced to a variety of topics that will give them an overview of the Chico Police Department's functions and operational procedures.

Academy classes are presented by Police Department administrators, veteran department personnel, current police officers and volunteers. Participants may have the opportunity to meet with the Chief of Police and various other staff members. Students are encouraged to ask questions and express ideas and concerns.

Classes are held Thursdays from 6-9pm.

For additional information, please leave a message for the Volunteers in Police Service at
(530) 897-5861 or
VIPS@chicoca.gov

Or, visit our website at
<https://chico.ca.us/police-department-volunteers>
for information and a downloadable application

Citizens Police Academy Curriculum

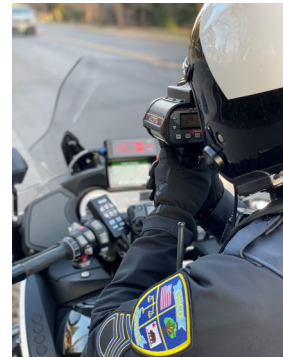


- ◆ Welcome
- ◆ Facility Tour
- ◆ Internal Affairs
- ◆ Criminal/Juvenile Justice System

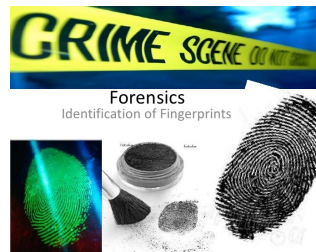
- ◆ Domestic Violence
- ◆ Police Ethics
- ◆ Animal Services
- ◆ Animal Control
- ◆ K-9 Program



- ◆ Communications
- ◆ Community Service Officers
- ◆ Patrol Procedures
- ◆ Traffic Enforcement



- ◆ Special Events
- ◆ V.I.P.S.
- ◆ Chaplains
- ◆ Community Oriented Policing



- ◆ Investigations & Evidence
- ◆ Narcotics/Search Warrants
- ◆ Crime Scene Investigation
- ◆ Patrol

- ◆ TARGET Team
- ◆ Use of Force
- ◆ Crisis Negotiation/SWAT Team
- ◆ Police use of drones
- ◆ Graduation



Classes subject to change

Selection, Procedures, and Participant Requirements

Citizens Police Academy participants are selected through an application process. Enrollment is limited to thirty (30) students per class. Potential candidates for the Citizens Police Academy must meet the following criteria:

- ♦ Must be a minimum of 17 years of age
- ♦ Must live or work in the Chico area
- ♦ Must have **NO** felony convictions
- ♦ Must have no misdemeanor convictions within one year of application

Any of the above requirements may be waived by the Chief of Police. Classes meet Thursday evenings from 6:00pm to 9:00pm for fourteen (14) weeks at the Chico Police Department/Fire Training Center or other designated locations.

If you would like to participate in the upcoming Academy, please complete an application and mail or bring to:

Chico Police Department
Attn: VIPS
1460 Humboldt Road
Chico, CA 95928

**Applications will be accepted until
Sunday, December 1, 2025**

Message from the Chief of Police

Thank you for your interest in the Chico Police Department's Citizens Police Academy. In this academy you will learn the "how", as well as the "why", of what we do as your police department.

Community involvement in a police department is absolutely critical and valued. As such, the Citizens Academy provides an excellent way to get to know the department and the people who are committed to your safety.

The Citizens Academy provides you with an opportunity to join our Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS) program if you find you are interested in doing so. Our citizen volunteer group consists of dedicated men and women from the community who work in coordination with the department.

I encourage you to consider participating in the Citizens Police Academy, and believe you will truly enjoy learning more about your department and community.

Respectfully,

Chief Billy Aldridge



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**January 15, 2026
April 16, 2026**

Thursdays, 6 ~ 9pm

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