

City of Holly Springs Citizen's Police Academy



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The Holly Springs Police Department will be offering an opportunity for the citizens of our city to gain an unusual insight into the responsibilities we share to keep our community safe. No greater bond exists in the field of law enforcement than that between an officer and those he serves. This unique Citizen's Academy will reinforce those bonds and strengthen our community commitment.

During the course of the academy we will share the history of community law enforcement, criminal law, functions of the Patrol and Criminal Investigative Divisions, Use of Force, Crime Scene Preservation and Processing, as well as, an opportunity to experience law enforcement from "behind the badge".

Applications will be considered on a first-come, first-serve basis with preference to residents of the City of Holly Springs. Applicants must meet certain criteria outlined in the application for acceptance to include a background check. Notifications of acceptance in the currently scheduled academy will be made following completion of the review process and acceptance per seating availability. Applicants not selected for the current academy will have their applications kept on file and will receive preference for the next scheduled course.

Guideline for academy acceptance:

1. Applicants must be 18 years old or older.
2. Applicants will complete a background check
3. Academy class size is limited to 18 persons.
4. Application must be filled out in its entirety.
5. Though all applicants will be considered, residents of the City of Holly Springs will receive priority of admission.

Applications must be returned by: March 12, 2018.

Please complete and forward to:

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Academy class schedule is as follows:

Monday, March 19	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Monday, April 2	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Monday, April 16	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Monday, April 30	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Saturday, May 19	8:30 am – 12:00 pm
Monday, May 21	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

All classes begin at 6:30 pm and end at 9:00 pm with the exception of the listed Saturday. Please report to the Holly Springs Police Department or other designated location. Casual dress is allowed. Some activities will be outdoors and will be hands-on.

You may also sign-up to ride with a Holly Springs police officer for a maximum of 4-hours during the academy.

Please forward any questions or comments to:

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Holly Springs Citizens Academy

Hosted by and in partnership with:

Holly Springs Police Department and the City of Holly Springs

Goal:

The goal of the City of Holly Springs Police Department Citizens Academy is to strengthen the bonds of responsibility with our growing population, provide insight to an increasingly complex world of law enforcement and the practices navigated daily by its officers, and re-commit to a productive partnership with the community and neighbors we serve.

Objective:

The graduates of the Holly Springs Police Academy will have to be exposed to some of the daily experiences of police officers, learn some of the employment risks associated with a law enforcement career, demonstrate a growth of skills directly related to class content, develop an enhanced support of the city efforts to provide a law enforcement presence in our community.

Application (please print)

Name: _____ Preferred Name: _____

Race*: _____ Sex*: _____ SS# _____

Place of Birth: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Complete current address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Driver's License number: _____ State _____

Employer name and address _____

Occupation _____ Employer phone number _____

T-shirt size: S M L XL XXL XXXL

How long have you lived in Holly Springs?

Have you ever been arrested for any offense other than a minor traffic violation?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, give date and location _____

If yes, please provide a brief description _____

Will you be able to attend all of the sessions? _____

How will your participation benefit you or our community? _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

- The above information is required for verification of provided information and is confidential.

Reviewed by: _____ Date _____

City of Holly Springs

Georgia Crime Information Center Consent Form

I hereby authorize the Holly Springs Police Department and the City of Holly Springs to receive any Georgia criminal history record information pertaining to me which may be in the files of any state or local criminal justice agency in Georgia.

Please **PRINT** below except on the signature line. It **MUST** be signed in the presence of the notary public in order for this consent form to be valid.

_____		_____		_____		_____	
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name		Maiden Name	
_____		_____		_____		_____	
Street Address		City		State		Zip Code	
_____		_____		_____		_____	
Sex*	Race*	Date of Birth		Social Security Number			
_____	_____	_____		_____			
Signature				Contact Telephone			
_____				_____			
ID / DL State		ID / DL Number		Date			
_____		_____		_____			

*Note – **ONLY** Valid Sex Codes are **M**=Male, **F**=Female, **U**=Unknown / **ONLY** Valid Race Codes are **W**=White, **B**=Black, **A**=Asian or Pacific Islander, **I**=American Indian or Alaskan Native, **U**=Unknown

Request Provisions (one of the following must be checked):

- Employment (other than one of the below special provisions)
- Employment with mentally disabled
- Employment with elder care
- Employment with children
- Employment with criminal justice agency – non-sworn
- Employment with criminal justice agency – sworn
- Other: Citizens Police Academy

One of the following must be checked:

- This authorization is valid for **90**/180/____ (circle one) days from date of signature.
- I, _____ give consent to the above named to perform periodic criminal history background checks for the duration of my employment with this company.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day
of _____, 20____
by _____

NOTARY PUBLIC

Agency Use Only

_____ NO RECORD FOUND
Date Processed: _____ SID: _____ FBI: _____
Operator Initials: _____ Dissemination: _____ Mailed _____ Picked Up _____

Release and Indemnity Agreement

Whereas, the undersigned citizen has voluntarily elected to ride as a passenger in a departmental vehicle of the City of Holly Springs Police Department, and to accompany police officers, to study and observe for his/her own benefit the functions and operations of the Holly Springs Police Department and its personnel; and

Whereas, the undersigned student desired to do so at his/her own risk and recognizing the possible and inherent dangers of his/her person and/or property resulting there from; and

Whereas, the City of Holly Springs and the State of Georgia do not wish to be held liable for any damages arising from personal injuries and/or property damage sustained: and

Now, therefore, in consideration of the premises and other goods and valuable consideration the undersigned does hereby, for himself, spouse, heirs, executor or administrator, and person representative:

1. Assume full responsibility for any personal injury or damage to his/her person or property which may occur, directly or indirectly, while in, on or about any such police department vehicle, police department premises or any part thereof, or while accompanying any on-duty police officer(s) of the City of Holly Springs Police Department in the performance of their duties;
2. Fully and forever release and discharge the City of Holly Springs and the State of Georgia, its agents and employees from any claims, demands, rights of action, or causes of action, present or future, whether the same be known, anticipated or unanticipated, resulting from or arising out of the undersigned's being in, on or about any such police department vehicle, or at any and all premises and places aforementioned, or while accompanying any such officer(s) of the City of Holly Springs Police Department in the performance of their duties;
3. Indemnify and hold harmless the City of Holly Springs Police Department and the State of Georgia, its agents and employees, for any acts of conduct of the undersigned of whatever kind or nature whatsoever, while in, on or about any such police department vehicle, or at any or all the premises and places aforementioned, or while accompanying any such officer or aforesaid;
4. Agree to defend and to pay any costs or attorney fees as a result of any action brought by or against the City of Holly Springs or the State of Georgia, its agents and employees, for any such acts of conduct of the undersigned of whatever kind or nature whatsoever, while in, on or about any such police department vehicle, or any or all of the premises and places aforementioned, or while accompanying any such police officer as aforesaid; and
5. Agree that it is the intent of the undersigned that this release and indemnity agreement be in full force and effect any time after the execution thereof.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Sworn before me a Notary Public for and within the State of Georgia, personally appeared _____ who executed the foregoing agreement and acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

This _____ (date) Notary Public _____ affix seal here

Confidentiality Agreement

Whereas, the City of Holly Springs Police Department wishes to provide law enforcement training to private citizens and Whereas, during the course of such training the student will have access to documents and information declared by Georgia Law to be confidential, and

Whereas, the City of Holly Springs Police Department may become legally liable for the release of confidential documents and information, and

Whereas, the City of Holly Springs Police Department wishes assurances that our students participating in the volunteer training program will not release confidential information without authorization,

Whereas, in consideration of the law enforcement training which the City of Holly Springs Police Department will provide, the undersigned student of such training agrees to release the City of Holly Springs and its employees from any judgment of claim based upon the unauthorized release or dissemination of confidential documents of information by the undersigned.

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Holly Springs Police Academy?

Holly Springs Police Academy is a substantially condensed version of a regular police academy. Students will receive basic instruction and information regarding the law enforcement functions experienced by officers here in Holly Springs.

Who will instruct the sessions?

The Holly Springs Police Department Training Unit is coordinating the academy and will utilize various officers who have specialized skills within the assigned topics. Many of these officers are Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council certified as “law enforcement” instructors.

Who can enroll?

We will limit the initial enrollment to 20 students for the academy session. City of Holly Springs residents or those working in the city will receive priority of acceptance, however, all applications will be thoroughly reviewed for possible participation.

How long are classes?

The classes are scheduled to last approximately 2 ½ hours each. Classes will begin at 6:30 pm and end at 9:00 pm. These sessions will include a mixture of hands-on classroom and scenario based training.

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