



## ABOUT US

The Old Dominion University Police Department is a full service, internationally accredited and state certified police agency committed to providing professional police and safety services to members of the university community and to residents of the concurrent patrol area adjacent to main campus.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Old Dominion University Police Department (ODUPD) supports the academic mission of the University by promoting a safe and secure higher education environment while providing proactive police and customer-related services aimed at reducing crime. Through collaboration with our community partners, we strive to provide the highest level of service to all who attend, work, and visit our University.

Our approach is to involve students, faculty, and staff in our activities, programs, and operations. We know we can't do it alone, which is why we ask our community and visitors to unite with us in our goal to create a safe and secure environment for everyone to enjoy



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# CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY



## WHAT IS THE CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY?



The Old Dominion Citizen's Police Academy provides an excellent opportunity for citizens who work or live in the area surrounding ODU to become familiar with the day-to-day operations of their Police Department. It will enable participants to gain a better understanding of the procedures, guidelines, responsibilities, demands, personnel, equipment, policies, and laws that guide the Police Department's decision-making process.

The academy is not intended to turn citizens into police officers, but to allow citizens to learn more about police operations. Citizens will become informed as to the actual role of police, and in return, police will benefit from the knowledge the citizens can provide about their community. This academy is our opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to our community.

While attending the Citizens' Police Academy, participants will be involved in actual training sessions and will leave with a greater knowledge of how, why, where, and when the police do what they do. It is our hope that the participants of our academy will develop an understanding of law enforcement that will assist them in forming responsible conclusions concerning police activities.

## HOW CAN INFORMATION FROM THIS ACADEMY BE USED BY THE POLICE?

The Old Dominion Police Department believes that public opinion is essential to establishing the concept of community policing. Opinions provided by citizens will play a vital role in the future of the police department. The more information the public has about the police, the fewer fears will exist. Many conflicts are caused by a lack of understanding, and these can be avoided through communication and knowledge sharing.

It is our hope that graduates of this Academy take their knowledge into the community, educate others when the opportunity arises, and make decisions that affect the City and the police department with heightened awareness and accurate information.

Additionally, graduates become extra eyes and ears to observe and report crimes or suspicious activities in our community.

## WHAT IS THE DURATION OF THE ACADEMY?

The academy is 10 weeks long with varying times. New classes begin every Fall.



## WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS TO ATTEND?

Citizens and students who live and/or work in area surrounding ODU, as well as family members of police officers, are eligible to apply to attend. A criminal record status is checked on each applicant. Ride-alongs are available upon request and approval.

Applicants must be 21 years of age or a college student at least 18 years of age.

## IS THERE A FEE TO ATTEND THIS ACADEMY?

NO. Old Dominion Police Department provides this service to the community **FREE** of charge. The Academy is hosted by the Old Dominion Citizen's Police Academy Association, with support from the Old Dominion Police Department's Crime Prevention and Community Policing Units.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

Print and complete an application from the Police Department webpage <https://www.odu.edu/police>.



Once your application is reviewed, you will be contacted by someone from our Community Policing Unit.

