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2023 SAN FERNANDO POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY ACADEMY APPLICATION

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY ACADEMY & REQUIREMENTS

Thank you for your interest in the San Fernando Police Department's Community Academy (CA). If selected to attend our CA, over the course of 11 weeks, we will give you an inside look into how your San Fernando City government and the San Fernando Police Department work together to best serve you.

During the CA, you will meet members from each of the City of San Fernando Departments, with an emphasis on the San Fernando Police Department. This is a unique opportunity to learn more about City Hall and the different City departments.

Our objective is not to make you a government or police expert, but it is to give you a basic understanding of how different City departments and the San Fernando Police Department work together to enhance safety and maintain our quality of life. The community's investment in our City has a profound impact on our success. Therefore, one of the CA's goals is to enhance communication between the community, the City, and San Fernando Police Department to build and strengthen partnerships with the purpose of achieving a brighter future for all.

The CA is only able to accommodate a small number of attendees. Additionally, the program builds upon what you have learned the previous week. For these reasons, attendance at all sessions is crucial. While an absence due to emergencies is understandable, repeated absences can result in removal from the program. If you discover you cannot commit to our 11-week Academy prior to the program starting or during the program, please let us know so we can have you attend the following session.

Community involvement and partnerships are essential part of establishing trust and accountability between the community, City government, and the Police Department. An informed community understands the role City government plays in creating the quality of life we are accustomed to in San Fernando. Participants who complete the program will help inform and educate others about what they have learned and be a part of making our community safer. We hope you can join us in continuing to make San Fernando a safe and beautiful place to live, work, shop, and visit. In addition, we hope you will develop positive relationships with the different City departments.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age at the time of application to attend the Community Academy. The class size is limited to 25 participants. If not selected for this class, you may apply for the next Community Academy. You will be notified via email the week prior to the class if you have been selected or not.

The San Fernando Police Department's Community Academy is open to those individuals who live, work, or are a stakeholder in the City of San Fernando.

Applications will be processed based on date of submission and may be mailed, personally delivered, or emailed to the San Fernando Police Department:

San Fernando Police Department Attention to: Lieutenant Irwin Rosenberg, Operations Commander 910 First St., San Fernando, CA 91340 IRosenberg@SFCity.org

The course of study is 11 sessions over 11 weeks and will begin on Tuesday, January 10, 2023. At the end of the course, attendees will receive a Certificate of Completion at a culmination ceremony (date to be announced). CA sessions will occur in Council Chambers, located at 117 Macneil Street, San Fernando, on Tuesday evenings from 6 pm to 9 pm, and will include one Saturday session (date to be announced). Some classes will occur off-site, within City limits to accommodate specific training such as "Scenario Day." Please complete the application on page 2 and return it to the San Fernando Police Department at the address or email address listed above by December 30, 2022, 5 pm. We will use the information provided to complete a background check which is mandatory for this program. A background check must be completed because attendees may have access to sensitive areas of the Police Station. The results of the background check will remain confidential. Once a background check is completed, we will notify you if you have been selected to attend the Community Academy. The Chief of Police has the ultimate discretion as to who may participate.

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