

How To Apply

Applicants must be at least 18 years old and successfully pass a security clearance check. Anyone interested in joining the Citizens Police Academy may attend the MHPS, located at 884 2 St SE, or complete an application form online at www.mhps.ca/Citizens Police Academy. Successful applicants will be required to complete a Background Security Check.

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The Citizens Police Academy is a Medicine Hat Police Service outreach program intended to provide community members with the opportunity to learn more about their local police service. Through a series of lectures, hands on learning and practical demonstrations provided by police personnel, participants will gain an understanding of the MHPS, its role, daily operations, as well as increased awareness of current policing issues and community safety concerns. The Academy concludes with an official graduation ceremony where participants who have successfully completed the program will be presented with a participation certificate.

Course Syllabus

The course is hosted in the MHPS Community Boardroom and runs weekly on Wednesday evenings, for approximately three hours, for eight consecutive weeks. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and successfully pass a security clearance check. There is no cost to participate. Class size is limited to 20 participants.

Presentations will be interactive and provide insight into the diverse nature of policing in Medicine Hat. Topics covered will include but are not limited to:

- Overview of police uniformed operations
- Overview of specialty teams including; Tactical Arrest and Control Team, Explosive Disposal Unit and Crisis Negotiators
- Major Crime Investigations
- Community Safety Initiatives
- Community partnerships including; Police and Crisis Team, Safe Families Intervention Team
- Victim Services
- Employee Wellness Programs
- Emerging Crime Trends
- Firearms and Control Tactics
- Criminal Law
- Canine Demonstration

Participant Selection Process

Each community has its own policing needs and participants are selected to reflect the broadest possible range of individuals who have a significant role within the community. We encourage participants who have an interest in police related issues or work alongside police to apply, this includes; community leaders, police family members, members of the media and those interested in a career in law enforcement or future police volunteer opportunities.



The Citizens Police Academy will provide participants with a great understanding of police operations and increased awareness of community safety concerns.