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Go Behind the Scenes of The Chico Police Department
-- 2018 Citizens' Police Academy Open for Registration --

Chico, CA – For members of the community who have always wondered what it is like to be a member of the police department, the Chico Police Department is ready to welcome the next round of civilian recruits to the 2018 class of the Citizens' Police Academy. The Academy is a free, 12-week program which gives members of the community a behind-the-scenes look inside the department, an overview of specialized law enforcement divisions and a personal connection to the men and women dedicated to providing public safety services to Chico.



Students participating in the Academy will learn the Chico Police Department's operational procedures. Course topics are presented by members of the department with areas of concentration

including Patrol, Detectives, Dispatch, Community Service Officers, Animal Control, Crime Scene Investigators, the K9 Unit and more. Students completing the course leave with a more comprehensive understanding of the various roles law enforcement officers and civilian staff play in the community.

Enrollment for the Citizens' Police Academy is limited to 30 students. Potential candidates 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

Classes begin Thursday, January 11, 2018 with graduation from the Academy commencing Thursday, March 29, 2018. Class times are Thursdays from 6:00PM – 9:00PM. Applications will be accepted until Thursday, December 21, 2017.

Applications for the 2018 Citizens' Police Academy can be accessed from the [Chico Police Department website](#) via the [Download Forms or Citizens' Academy tabs](#).

For more information on taking part in the 2018 Chico Police Department Citizens' Police Academy, contact Crime Prevention Officer Ed Nelson at ed.nelson@chicoca.gov or 530.897.4942.

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