



## INDIANOLA CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

An Active Learning Opportunity for the Citizens of  
Indianola, Iowa

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Brian Sher

Indianola Interim Chief of Police

515-961-9400

[bsher@indianolaiowa.gov](mailto:bsher@indianolaiowa.gov)

Rob Hawkins

Indianola Interim Captain

515-961-9400

[rhawkins@indianolaiowa.gov](mailto:rhawkins@indianolaiowa.gov)

Or

[www.indianolaiowa.gov](http://www.indianolaiowa.gov)

2021 Academy Begins October 12th

The **Indianola Citizens Police Academy** is seeking 12 Indianola residents who have a sincere commitment, motivation and interest in learning about the operations of the Indianola Police Department. There is no cost to participate, only your commitment to two, four- hour sessions over a two- week period.

## THE PURPOSE

The success of a community is determined by the effectiveness of its leaders and informed citizenry. The goal of the **Indianola Citizens Police Academy** is to establish an educational forum that will provide Indianola residents with the knowledge of the inner workings of your Police Department. Through this forum, the **Indianola Citizens Police Academy** seeks to:

- Heighten awareness and understanding of the different assignments within the Police Department through a hands-on learning experience.
- Empower Indianola residents with a knowledge of the role the Indianola Police Department has in the community. In turn, these residents will be more informed and share their knowledge with other community members.

## THE PROGRAM

The **Indianola Citizens Police Academy** participants will attend two, four-hour sessions (5 pm. To 9pm) on Tuesday, October 12th and Tuesday, October 19th. Sessions will include a meal, a guided tour of the police department's facility, and hands-on training of some of the assignments our officers do every day. Some of the learning will include:

- Patrol Techniques
- Response to Resistance / Defensive Tactics / Force Continuum
- Implicit Bias Training
- Firearms Instruction
- Investigations

## THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants 21 years old and older from all segments of the community are encouraged to apply. A background check and screening committee will review applications and may follow up with questions for the applicant. Applicants who have been selected to participate in the **Indianola Citizens Police Academy** will be notified by email.

To apply for the **Indianola Citizens Police Academy**, please complete the application located at [www.indianolaiowa.gov](http://www.indianolaiowa.gov) and return via email at [rhawkins@indianolaiowa.gov](mailto:rhawkins@indianolaiowa.gov) or in person at the Indianola Police Department. Application deadline is **Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**.