

## **MANSFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN'S ACADEMY**

In 1998 the Mansfield Police Department's first citizen's academy graduated. The curriculum and teaching methods are similar to the traditional police academy, but these students are not police candidates. The class members include a wide cross section of the community's population, i.e., homemakers, professional businesspersons, retirees, and neighborhood watch members.

The first Police Night School was held in England in 1977 by the Devon Cromwall Constabulary and met with immediate success. Citizens were anxious to learn of the operations of their police force, which heretofore were obscure and private. Shortly afterward, the Orlando, Florida Police Department conducted the first Citizen Police Academy in the United States. The Orlando Academy was patterned after the English Police Night School. Since that time, other law enforcement agencies throughout the United States have developed and conducted versions of the Citizen Police Academy.

Graduates of the Mansfield Police Citizen's Academy **WILL NOT** be commissioned law enforcement officers or vigilantes. They will be more familiar with the operations of the Mansfield Police Department and will gain a deeper understanding of the problems and policies their officer face daily.

The 36-hour training program consists of classroom and hands on instruction to provide the public with a working knowledge of the Mansfield Police Department. Participants will meet for (3) hours once a week during a 12-week course. Instructions will be comprehensive, and each week a different area of the police department will be covered, with each session facilitated by one or more Mansfield Police Officers who are state certified instructors, or experts in a particular field. Topics covered will include:

1. Orientation
2. Traffic laws, seven step violator contract
3. Student participation in mock low risk and high risk traffic stops
4. Accident investigation
5. DWI investigation
6. Criminal investigations
7. Family Violence
8. Penal code/Patrol procedures
9. Jail operations
10. Searches (open building, with and with out K-9)
11. Student participation in practical searches
12. Crime scene
13. Use of force/communications
14. Civil law

It is the goal of the Mansfield Police Department that after you complete the 12-week program; you will have enough information to dispel any suspicions or misconceptions about the law enforcement role in our criminal justice system.



**LIST PROFESSIONAL OR FRATERNAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

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**ARREST OR CONVICTION RECORD:**

**IF YOU HAVE BEEN ARRESTED OR CONVICTED FOR ANY OFFENSE, PLEASE GIVE EXPLANATION.**

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**PERSONAL:**

**MAY WE CONTACT YOUR PRESENT EMPLOYER? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_**

**LIST THREE PERSONS AS A REFERENCE NOT RELATED TO YOU.**

**NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_**

**TELEPHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ PROFESSION \_\_\_\_\_**

**NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_**

**TELEPHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ PROFESSION \_\_\_\_\_**

**NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_**

**TELEPHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ PROFESSION \_\_\_\_\_**

**DURING THIS ACADEMY YOU WILL BE ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN DIFFERENT SCENARIOS IN A CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT. IF THERE ARE ANY REASONS YOU CAN NOT PARTICIPATE, PLEASE INDICATE BELOW.**

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**WHAT IS YOUR OBJECTIVE IN ENROLLING IN THE CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY?**

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**HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ACTIVE IN ANY GROUP OR ORGANIZATION WHICH WAS RELATED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT? (IF YES, WHO, WHERE AND WHEN AND IN WHAT ROLE)**

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**CERTIFICATION:**

**CHECK EACH STATEMENT BELOW AFTER YOU HAVE READ IT. YOU, AS AN APPLICANT TO ATTEND THE CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY, YOU AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:**

- MAINTAIN A SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE OF AT LEAST ELEVEN (11) CLASSES.**
- YOUR ATTITUDE AND CONDUCT WILL BE AT A HIGH LEVEL WHILE ATTENDING THE ACADEMY.**
- I AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF POLICE OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE TO CONDUCT A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION TO SUPPORT THE FACTS THAT I AM A GOOD CITIZEN OF THIS COMMUNITY.**
- ALLOW THE CHIEF OF POLICE OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE TO RELEASE MY NAME TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE NEWS MEDIA, IF REQUESTED.**
- ALL THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.**

**PRINTED NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION**

**I HEREBY REQUEST AND AUTHORIZE YOU TO FURNISH THE MANSFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH ANY AND ALL INFORMATION THEY MAY REQUEST CONCERNING MY WORK RECORD, CRIMINAL RECORD, AND GENERAL REPUTATION. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING MY ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY.**

**I HEREBY RELEASE YOU AND YOUR ORGANIZATION FROM ANY LIABILITY WHICH MAY OR COULD RESULT FROM FURNISHING THE INFORMATION REQUESTED ABOVE OR FROM ANY SUBSEQUENT USE OF SUCH INFORMATION IN DETERMINING MY QUALIFICATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY.**

**APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRINTED NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AGREEMENT OF LIABILITY  
TO OPERATE CITY OF MANSFIELD MOTOR VEHICLES**

THE STATE OF TEXAS        §

COUNTY OF TARRANT       §

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT I, \_\_\_\_\_, A PRIVATE PERSON, FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PRIVILEGE OF OPERATING A POLICE VEHICLE OWNED BY THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, AND/OR ATTENDING THE MANSFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY, AND RECOGNIZING THAT THE OPERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE DEMANDS SPECIFIC SKILLS AND A HIGH LEVEL OF CONCENTRATION AND COORDINATION, REPRESENT TO THE CITY OF MANSFIELD THAT BY OPERATING A CITY MOTOR VEHICLE, I HAVE THE REQUISITE FACULTIES AND SKILLS, AND AM NOT AT SUCH TIME UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ANY DISEASE, MALADY, OR MEDICATION TO THE EXTENT THAT SAME SHOULD CAUSE A LESSENING OF MY NORMAL FACULTIES. I FURTHER REPRESENT THAT I AM A COMPETENT DRIVER AND CURRENTLY MAINTAIN A POLICY OF LIABILITY INSURANCE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS. I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY AND ALL DAMAGE THAT I MAY CAUSE TO A CITY OWNED VEHICLE DURING SUCH TIME THAT THE VEHICLE WAS OPERATED BY ME.

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SIGNATURE

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CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

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BIRTHDATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE NUMBER

APPROVED:

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CHIEF OF POLICE, MANSFIELD, TEXAS