



City of Cocoa Beach Citizen's Academy

What is a Citizen's Academy?

The Citizen's Academy is a look into the internal values, philosophy, and operations of the City of Cocoa Beach. Designed for City residents, the academy educates citizens on the "how and why" of City departments.

What is the purpose?

Information! Participants are provided information facilitating informed judgments about City government. The program is designed to cultivate understanding through the educational process, dispelling suspicion and improving community rapport. Additionally, the Academy affords City staff an opportunity to receive community feedback.

What can I expect to learn?

Academy staff will cover a variety of topics and issues pertaining to the City of Cocoa Beach, including information about seldom seen City functions. Participants will gain knowledge and insight through discussions, demonstrations and site visits. Citizens learn how they can play a role in the future of Cocoa Beach.

How much time will I invest?

The Academy runs for fourteen (14) weeks: **Sessions last three (3) hours, on Tuesday evening each week, 5:30 - 8:30 PM.** There will be one (1) Saturday session, 8 AM - 12 PM.

How do I apply?

Return completed application and "Authorization for Release of Information" *in person* to Cocoa Beach Police Department, Police Records Division.

Questions? Call (321) 868-3271 or e-mail police@cityofcocoabeach.com



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STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION

Class size will be limited to 25 participants. Considerations for admission will be made on a first come first serve basis. The Academy staff will select applicants. If necessary, a waiting list of five (5) alternates will be created from the accepted applications. If an opening should occur prior to the beginning of the class, the next person on the waiting list will be contacted. Once the class has been filled, to include alternates, applications will no longer be accepted.

APPLICANTS WHO WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR ADMISSION ARE:

- Persons with arrest histories - some of the information shared during the Citizen's Academy is sensitive in nature. It is the position of the Citizen's Academy **not** to share such information with persons who have shown a propensity for criminal activity. The Citizen's Academy reserves the right to exclude persons for past criminal acts.
- Persons having an application on file with a law enforcement agency or a fire department.
- Persons who cannot attend at least 80% of the classes. If three or more classes are missed, the participant will not receive a certificate of completion.
- Persons under the age of 18.
- Non-residents of the City of Cocoa Beach, unless applicant is a business owner within Cocoa Beach proper.

Local records and criminal histories will be checked. Outstanding warrants will be checked. Persons with a history of criminal activity, including but not limited to theft, intoxication, arson, resisting arrest or repeated offenses will not be considered.



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Resident of Cocoa Beach for _____ years.

Business owner in Cocoa Beach for _____ years (if applicable).

Name of business _____.

Originally a native of _____.

Moved to Cocoa Beach from _____.

Please list your community organizations and activities:

Briefly explain why you wish to be enrolled in the City of Cocoa Beach Citizen's Academy:

PLEASE READ THE STATEMENT BELOW, BEFORE SIGNING THIS APPLICATION.

I hereby certify that there are no willful falsifications, omissions, or misrepresentations in the foregoing statements and answers to questions. I understand that any omission or false statement on this application shall be sufficient cause for rejection for enrollment or dismissal from the Cocoa Beach Citizen's Academy.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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Authorization for Release of Information

I, _____ do hereby authorize a review of and full disclosure of all records concerning myself to any authorized agent of the City of Cocoa Beach, whether the said records are of public, private, or confidential nature.

The intent of this authorization is to give my consent for full and complete disclosure of any and all records concerning any criminal activity. This may include, but is not limited to: criminal histories, driving records, arrest reports, offense reports, or any official document.

I understand that any information obtained by a background investigation which is developed directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, upon this release authorization will be considered in determining my suitability for attendance to the Citizen's Academy. I also certify that any person(s) who may furnish such information concerning me shall not be held accountable for giving this information; and I hereby release said person(s) from any liability which may be incurred as a result of furnishing such information.

I also authorize the release of my name and full disclosure of all records concerning myself to verify past and future applications with other law enforcement agencies.

A photocopy of this release form will be valid as an original thereof, even though said photocopy does not contain an original writing of my signature.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF BREVARD

This affidavit was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____,
20____.

Notary Public: _____

Driver's License: _____ Date of Birth: _____

**Notary Service for this application is available at the Cocoa Beach Police Department, Police Records Division, at no cost.*

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Application and Authorization for Release forms must be submitted in person to the Cocoa Beach Police Department, Police Records Division.