

**\*\*\*\*Press Release\*\*\*\***

The Jacksonville Police Department is offering the Citizen's Police Academy to residents or employees within our community or Morgan County. The goal of the Citizens Police Academy is to not only help local residents better understand police work in their community, but also to develop stronger ties between the community and their police agencies in an effort to better address crime and other law enforcement issues. It is through community cooperation and planning that we can best ensure quality police services in an organized and effective crime prevention program.

We will re-start the 27<sup>th</sup> offering of the Citizens Police Academy program; that was halted due to the COVID-19 pandemic, on Tuesday, February 7, 2023. The academy is a thirteen-week program with the classes being held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm to 9:30pm, and one, optional Saturday range training. Classes will be held at the Jacksonville Police Department, 200 West Douglas Ave, Jacksonville IL with the Saturday course being held at the Jacksonville Regional Training Facility, 940 Hoagland Road. Each evening of instruction will cover different aspects of the law enforcement profession. Local area law enforcement personnel will present the instruction during the Citizens Police Academy with an occasional outside speaker. Students must attend ten out of the thirteen weekly classes for successful completion of the program. There is no cost to applicants to participate in the Citizens Police Academy.

Applications can be picked up at the Jacksonville Police Department or online at [www.jacksonvilleil.com](http://www.jacksonvilleil.com). The 27<sup>th</sup> Citizens Police Academy will start on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and finish with Graduation on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. Applications must be received no later than Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Inquiries regarding the Citizens Police Academy should be addressed to:

**Citizens Police Academy  
200 West Douglas Ave.  
Jacksonville, Illinois 62650**

Any questions concerning the academy may be directed to class coordinators Lt. Mark Lonergan, Ptl. Phillip Warren, or PCSA Loren Hamilton Phone: 479-4630