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# Citizen Academy to Start in April

**Date/Time:** 04/07/2026 to 04/30/2026 @ 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. (Tuesdays & Thursdays and two Saturdays)

**Location:** Various

**Deadline:** Applications must be turned by Monday, March 30, 2026

**El Paso, Texas** – The El Paso Police Department, in partnership with the Texas Department of Public Safety, will be hosting the first session of the Citizen Police Academy (CPA) for 2026. This community education program will begin on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 and conclude on Thursday, April 30, 2026.

The CPA is a community policing program aimed at helping citizens learn about some of the different functions within the El Paso Police Department and Texas DPS. Among the topics of interest that will be covered are; Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Use of Force, Texas Rangers, SWAT, Bomb Squad, CMT, Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE), and other topics.

To apply, you must be at least 18 years of age and no longer in high school. There is no age limit as this is a community education program.

The application is available online at [eppd.org](http://eppd.org) under the community policing tab. The application may be completed and submitted online. Applications must be turned in by Monday, March 30, 2026.

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