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## Citizen Academy Starts September 8th

**Date/Time:** 09/08/2026 to 10/06/2026 @ 6 P.M. to 9 P.M.(Tuesdays,Thursdays & 3 Saturdays)

**Location:** Various

**Deadline:** Applications must be turned in by Friday September 4, 2026

**EL PASO, Texas** – The community’s opportunity to have an inside look into policing is here. The Citizen Police Academy (CPA) will begin on Tuesday, September 8, 2026. This community education program is in partnership with the Texas Department of Public Safety, and the El Paso Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association.

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 get involved tab. The application may be completed and submitted completely online. Applications must be turned in no later than Friday, September 4, 2026.

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