The Georgetown Police Department (GPD) believes that when the public is informed about police standards and procedures, they become critical advocates for public safety and crime prevention.

It is our philosophy that the police should always maintain a relationship with the public. To that end, twice a year, GPD offers the Citizen Police Academy (CPA) where citizens gain an understanding of the police department and its practices.

The CPA is an 8-week course designed to inform the community about Georgetown Police Department protocols and procedures. The Academy is taught by law enforcement officers and provides citizens an inside view of the daily activities of the police department. The curriculum includes laws and code of criminal procedure, criminal and accident investigations, lethal and less-than-lethal weapons, crime scene investigations, victim services, response to resistance, officer safety and more.

Successful completion of the CPA course makes you eligible to join the Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) which is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation. CPAAA members work on a variety of projects for GPD. These projects include Blue Santa, National Night Out, Law Enforcement Field Day and other programs.

Classes will meet once a week on Thursdays beginning March 24th and run through May 12th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. To register, complete an application at the GPD reception desk located at 3500 D.B. Wood Road or email Randy.McDonald@georgetown.org for more information. The deadline for all applications is Monday, March 10th, at 5 p.m.

The Georgetown Citizen Police Academy is free. However, classroom space is limited, so if you want to enroll in the next class, it is best to get your application in as soon as possible. Applications take a few days to process, but you will receive an acceptance notification via email. For more information call 512-930-2747.