



Citizens get a crash course on policing in Springfield

Each year, the Springfield Police Department offers citizens the opportunity to get a taste of how their law enforcement agency and its many specialized units operate. A successful and interactive program called the Citizen's Police Academy was reinitiated in 2011, and this year's class will kick off on September 10 and last through mid-November.



Twenty-five Springfield citizens with a variety of backgrounds will soon be selected to begin the 11-week academy; classes are held one evening per week for approximately three hours. Topics covered in the academy will include crime scene processing, investigations, narcotics and gang investigations, defensive tactics, use of firearms, and traffic/DWI enforcement. The group will also participate in field trips to the department's range, headquarters, South District Station, Springfield Regional Police and Fire Training Center and the Calaboose.

"I encourage citizens to participate in this academy because it allows them to get a much better understanding of the difficult job officers have," said Police Chief Paul Williams. "The deeper their understanding is, the stronger our relationship can be with the citizens we serve. Establishing, or in some cases building upon connections between officers and citizens allows them to enhance the level of respect and trust among one another."

The Springfield Police Department is accepting applications for the academy until August 1. To apply, visit goSPD.com, find the "How Do I..." menu, and click Join SPD, Citizens Police Academy. For more information, call 864-1351.

Community Engagement

Springfield Police Department offers a variety of programs and services that engage citizens in public safety initiatives.

- Police Area Representative (PAR) Officers
- Crime Prevention
 - Neighborhood Watch
 - Business Watch
 - Night Watch
 - CPTED
 - Apartment Watch
 - Citizens Alert Patrol
- Targeted awareness campaigns
- Crime Stoppers
- Citizens Police Academy
- Coffee with the Chief
- Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)

Police Engagement

Springfield Police Department is organized to maximize effective deployment and utilization of resources.

- Highly trained and specialized teams
- Targeted enforcement efforts
 - people - places - crime
- Annual beat surveys
- Spirit of service
- Commitment to transparency
- Crime trend analysis
- Daily officer deployment based on crime data

See Something. Say Something.

There's no information that's insignificant. Don't hesitate. Call 911.

Report criminal activity anonymously to Crime Stoppers.

(417) 869-TIPS

Text a Tip: Text 417SPD plus your message or photo to CRIMES (274637)

Headquarters:

321 E. Chestnut Expressway
Springfield, MO 65802

South District Station:

2620 W. Battlefield Rd.
Springfield, MO 65807

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Learn more about how you can be involved in crime prevention efforts:

(417) 874-2113 or www.goSPD.com

Springfield Crime Statistics

Second Quarter 2015 (April - June)

↑ 6%
Overall increase
in crime in 2nd Qtr.
(Compared to 2nd Qtr. 2014)

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

April - June	2014	2015
Homicide	3	1
Rape	74	68
Robbery	103	98
Aggravated Assault	351	419
Total Against Persons	531	586

THERE WAS A **10% TOTAL INCREASE IN CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS** FROM THIS PERIOD IN 2014.

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

April - June	2014	2015
Burglary	478	536
Larceny/theft	2,332	2,376
Stolen Vehicle	286	346
Total Against Property	3,096	3,258

THERE WAS A **5% TOTAL INCREASE IN CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY** FROM THIS PERIOD IN 2014.



Aggravated assault,
the attempt to cause
serious bodily injury
to another purposely,
INCREASED BY

19%

Stolen vehicles
are back on the rise,
INCREASING

21%

from this period in 2014.



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