Oak Forest Police Department
Citizens Police Academy (CPA)

Last Name: ________________________ First: ________________ Middle: ______

Address: ____________________________________________________________

  Street __________________________ City __________________________ State ______ Zip ______

Telephone: Home (______)__________________ Work (______)__________________

Date of Birth: ________________ Driver’s License #: ______________________

Email: __________________________

Emergency Contact Name: __________________________ Telephone: (______)________

Occupation: __________________________ Employer: __________________________

Employer Address: ______________________________________________________

  Street __________________________ City __________________________ State ______ Zip ______

Length of Employment: ________________ (Years/Months)

One personal reference that we may contact:

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________

  Street __________________________ City __________________________ State ______ Zip ______

Telephone: (______)__________________

Have you ever been arrest for a crime? ____________________________________________

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What are you looking to learn from the academy? ____________________

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Oak Forest Police Department
Citizens Police Academy

All applicants must be 18 years of age. A background check will be conducted on each applicant. The Oak Forest Police Department reserves the right to deny admission to the Academy based on the information found as a result of the background check.

Signature: _____________________________ Date: ______________

Officer Todd Arthur
Citizen Police Academy (CPA)
Oak Forest Police Department
15440 Central Ave
Oak Forest, IL 60452
The Citizen's Police Academy is a 12-week program designed to give citizens a working knowledge of Law Enforcement and the Oak Forest Police Department. The program is offered free of charge and is limited to twenty-five students per session. The class will start on Monday September 17, 2018 and will run for (12) weeks. One block of instruction will be offered each week, from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Each block of instruction will provide an in depth overview of how a particular division of our department functions. The program will be both informative and educational, at times, allowing students an opportunity to experience actual hands on training.

Goal of Academy
The goal of the Academy is to offer citizens insight into how police officers perform their duties and how the department serves the community. The purpose of the academy is to foster better communication between citizens and police through education. The academy creates a nucleus of well-informed citizens who possess greater insight into police practices and services. Graduates of the academy are encouraged to share their knowledge and experience with the community as opportunities arise creating a win-win situation for the police department, participants, and community.

Benefits
We encourage our citizens to get to know the officers through the various programs that we sponsor throughout the City of Oak Forest and law enforcement community. When the police department and citizens take a more personal interest in each other, the community benefits in many ways. Open lines of communication are developed which builds a sense of safety and security. We continually strive to see that the police department and the community work together to ensure that the City of Oak Forest is a safe and enjoyable place to live and work. After graduation, students will be encouraged to join the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association. The Alumni Association will provide the citizens with an opportunity to continue with their education in the field of Law Enforcement, to work with the police department, and help with various projects in the future if they desire.

Reason for the Academy
The Oak Forest Police Department has developed the Citizen's Police Academy with the goal of enhancing communication between the police department and the community, thereby creating a greater understanding of an officer’s role in our community. The concept of law enforcement and community working together plays a vital role in reducing crime in the community. The input and support that we seek from our citizens is critical in helping us perform our duties and provide the best service possible. We will encourage the academy graduates to assist us in identifying problems within our community and developing solutions. We hope that our graduates will take their experiences back to our community and apply what they have learned, to ensure the quality of life in Oak Forest. This will serve to educate and encourage other citizens to get involved with the Citizens Police Academy and community.

Qualified Applicants
Citizens who apply to the Citizens Police Academy must be 18 years of age. All applicants will be subject to a background check. Applications are at the OFPD and should be returned no later than September 14th, 2018. For those who are interested in seeking more information about the Citizen Police Academy should contact:

Contact
Officer Todd Arthur
Oak Forest Police Department
tarthur@oak-forest.org
Dear Parent or Guardian:

There will be times during the year when our Citizens Police Academy (CPA’s) are involved in projects or events that get publicity in the newspaper or on television. Permission is required from you to include your name and/or picture in news articles; programs or projects involving the Oak Forest Citizens Police Academy.

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(Printe Name)

MAY ______ MAY NOT ______ appear in any form of publicity for the Oak Forest Citizens Police Academy.

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Signature Date
It is hereby agreed that in consideration of one of its employees, 

(Print Employee Name)

being

granted the opportunity of participating and engaging in police training, functions, and other activities sanctioned by the City of Oak Forest Police Department, the

(Department or Agency)

employing the above named trainee shall hold The City of Oak Forest and their Employees or Agents harmless as to any injuries or damages incurred by said trainee as a result of such police training, functions, and other activities sanctioned by The City of Oak Forest, regardless of fault or negligence on the part of any official or employee of The City of Oak Forest, and shall further agree to indemnify The City of Oak Forest and their Employees or Agents in full amount as to any judgment or claim awarded to said trainee, his heirs, dependents, and assigns for such injuries of damages sustained by said trainee during the official course of his temporary assignment to the City of Oak Forest training facility.

It is further agreed, that should suit or claim be filed by said trainee alleging injury or damage as a result of said City of Oak Forest training, functions, or other activities sanctioned by the City of Oak Forest, reasonable notice of such suit or claim will be given to the employing Department or Agency of the affected trainee and said Department or Agency will appear and defend the City of Oak Forest and their Employees or Agents.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the undersigned has affixed his hand and seal at ________________, Illinois,

(this __ day of ________________, 20 __)

(City)

Signature: ________________________________

Print Name: ________________________________

Title: ________________________________

Note: This agreement must be signed by an official of the local government entity or by an official of the agency involved who has legal power to enter into such an agreement.