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What are the laws concerning arrest, search and seizure? What are the different levels of use of force? How is evidence collected and stored? Find out those answers, and more, by signing up for the Burleson Police Department's annual Citizens Police Academy which starts June 9.

The free classes will take place 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., every Thursday, June 9-Aug. 11. The graduation ceremony is Aug. 18. The class size is limited to 25. Applications are available at the police department (225 W. Renfro St.), city hall (141 W. Renfro St.), and on the City website at [www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com).

The academy is open to men and women, 18 years of age and older. Participants must be willing to work in a team environment and complete a written application, waiver form, and consent for a criminal record search. All documentation must be turned in to the police department by June 3.

Several classes include "hands on" activities, however, none require strenuous activity so senior citizens are welcome to attend. Couples are also encouraged to sign up. As part of the academy, students will be allowed to ride with an on-duty police officer for up to eight hours or observe a day in the life of a telecommunications operator.

Topics include the recruiting and hiring process, field training program, Texas Penal Code, laws of arrest/search/seizure, use of force, SWAT team, law enforcement communications system, evidence identification and collection, criminal investigations, narcotics investigations, patrol procedures, traffic enforcement, victim's assistance and juvenile procedures.

Online applications are available at [www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com). Go to Departments, Police Department, Divisions, Operations, Citizens Police Academy. For more information, call Burleson Police Sgt. Brian O'Heren at 817-426-9881, or e-mail [boheren@burlesontx.com](mailto:boheren@burlesontx.com).