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## Three great ways to get involved in the city's public safety programs

New classes for the Community Response Team (CERT), Citizens Police Academy (CPA) and Citizens on Patrol (COPS) start soon, sign up today.

Three great public safety programs are getting ready to start.

**Citizens Police Academy (CPA)** is a program with the police department that provides a bridge between the officer in the car and the citizens in the field.

Citizens will gain an appreciation of problems and challenges facing law enforcement and then they become the police department's "goodwill ambassadors" in the community. The first class starts March 1. For more information or call Tiffany Bauereisen, (817) 426-9983.

**Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** is offered through the fire marshal's department. The CERT Program helps train people to be better prepared to respond to emergencies in their community during times of disaster. Participants receive training in basic emergency medical care, disaster preparedness, fire suppression, light search and rescue techniques and other topics as taught by professional first responders

Classes start April 3, for more information or call Jessica Eiswald, (817) 426-9177.

**Citizens on Patrol (COPS)** is a group of volunteers that assist the police department with neighborhood patrols, parades, vacation checks, issue handicap parking violation citations, assist with traffic control and crowd patrol.

You must be at least 21-years-old to sign up for the program that starts in May. For more information or call Tiffany Bauereisen, (817) 426-9983.

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