

Alamo Heights Fire & Police Departments
2012 Citizens' Emergency Services Academy

Schedule of Classes

January 12, 2012	Introduction to the Alamo Heights Police Department
<p>Attendees will be given an overview of the 2012 Citizens' Emergency Services Academy and topics to be covered. After a brief history of the Citizens' Academy concept, a presentation will be offered on the police department organization and structure as well as a discussion on the responsibilities of each component within the police organization.</p>	

January 19, 2012	Police Patrol Procedures / Equipment Demonstration
<p>Attendees will be introduced to the police patrol operation. The presentation will include information on patrol procedures, traffic/DWI enforcement, arrest procedures, police pursuits and specialized patrol tactics including bicycle patrol and low profile patrol. Attendees will be introduced to police equipment and will be given a close tour of a patrol vehicle and the on-board technology used by officers during the performance of their duties.</p>	

January 26, 2012	Criminal Investigations Division
<p>Criminal investigators will provide attendees with information pertaining to investigative procedures and the technology they used during their investigations. Information will be given to help prevent identity theft. A demonstration will be provided of crime scene equipment and how evidence is recovered.</p>	

February 2, 2012	Emergency Communications / Internet Safety
<p>The first contact in any emergency is the Fire and Police Communications Division. Attendees will learn how calls for service are received and the procedures used by communications operators to get the required emergency responders enroute without unnecessary delay. A tour of the communications center will be given to introduce attendees to the technology available to ensure the fire and police functions are safe and successful.</p> <p>Also on this night, a presentation will be given on internet safety. The internet has provided access to our identities and, of more concern, to our children. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn ways to protect their families from those using the internet to commit crimes.</p>	

February 9, 2012	Introduction to Fire and EMS Services
<p>In many instances we find that the general public may not know what the fire and Emergency Medical Services departments actually do. We will explore these services and educate the public about emergency response types as well as special response procedures such as hazardous materials responses. Other responses may include swift water rescues, and low and high angle operations such as rappelling. The fire and EMS departments also perform other services for the community that will be discussed more in depth. We will discuss how the EMS system works as well as automatic and mutual aid agreements that are in place with other communities.</p>	

February 16, 2012	Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation / AED / First Aid
<p>The American Heart Association provides updates for emergency cardiac care on a periodic basis. These changes are implemented by the medical community based on scientific fact based on years of study. Bystander or layperson CPR is the cornerstone for increasing survival of people suffering from a cardiac event prior to EMS arrival. Basic CPR techniques will be demonstrated during this class with special emphasis on the importance of early chest compressions. The EMS system's Medical Director, Mark Ogden, as well as AHFD personnel will discuss the importance of early CPR as well as the use of Automatic External Defibrillators or AEDs. Basic first aid and treating the sick and injured for shock prior to EMS arrival will also be discussed / demonstrated during these classes. There will be an opportunity for citizens to sign up for CPR classes offered at a later date.</p>	

February 23, 2012	Fire Safety
<p>Fire safety is important for each and every one of us. We will discuss common household dangers and the fire department's home fire safety inspection and smoke detector installation programs. We will also discuss employee safety training programs offered by the city as well for business owners. The importance of fire and building inspections will also be discussed and why these inspections are conducted.</p> <p>The Insurance Services Offices or ISO program is directly related to the amount of fire insurance premiums that each taxpayer spends in premiums each year. We will explore the ISO program and what it means to you.</p>	

March 1, 2012	Fire Suppression Equipment
<p>During this segment, we will take an in-depth look at the tools and equipment carried on fire apparatus as well as specialized equipment such as thermal imaging technology. We will also provide an opportunity for any "daredevils" in the class to try on some of the safety gear including a self contained breathing apparatus and firefighter turnout gear. To top the night off, we will be conducting fire extinguisher training. After a short demonstration and education program, a live "hands-on" exercise using a fire extinguisher will be provided for each class participant. Most people know what a fire extinguisher is however, almost no one knows how to correctly use one, or use it safely.</p>	

March 8, 2012	Use of Force / Police Pursuits
<p>Use of force by the police can be found in the media every day. Attendees will be introduced to the AHPD policies and procedures governing the use of force and the use of force continuum that serves as a guide. Attendees will be introduced to the TASER and other weapon systems available to officers. The opportunity to fire some of the firearms using simunition training rounds will be available to those interested.</p>	

March 15, 2012	SWAT Operations / Police K-9 Support
<p>Members of the Special Weapons and Tactics mobilization team will offer a presentation on the training and equipment used to prepare them for the most dangerous police responses. The role of the police negotiator will also be discussed.</p> <p>Police K-9 support has proven invaluable in many police responses. Police K-9s offer support in many ways including drug detection, bomb detection, evidence recovery, missing/wanted person searches, and patrol dog duty. Police K-9s will be in attendance to provide demonstrations of their skills.</p>	

March 22, 2012	Crime Prevention / Community Awareness
<p>The best defense to becoming a victim of crime is to become a “hard target” through awareness and prevention. Attendees will be provided information on how to secure their homes, personal property and to be more aware of their surroundings in public areas. The Neighborhood Watch Program will be introduced in hopes there will be some renewed interest in this program that has become a proven tool for community awareness and crime deterrence.</p>	

March 29, 2012	Crime Statistics / Graduation
<p>Attendees will be provided an overview of Index Crime Reporting and a multi-year comparison of criminal activity in Alamo Heights. At the end of the evening we will celebrate the 2012 Citizens’ Emergency Services Academy with a graduation ceremony.</p>	