United States Park Police
Citizens’ Academy

The U.S. Park Police will present their seventh Citizens’ Academy starting Wednesday, September 12, 2018. The classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and run through November 7, 2018 at the United States Park Police Anacostia Operations Facility located at 1901 Anacostia Drive, SE, Washington, DC 20019.

Investigators, trainers, station commanders, and officers will explain the United States Park Police organization, police procedures, and what it is like to be a police officer at the United States Park Police Citizens’ Academy. Topics include: Use of Force, Investigations, Special Forces Operations, Radio Communications, Emergency Response, and much more.

This nine-session course is offered by the Office of Workforce Development of the United States Park Police and is open to those who:

- are U.S. citizens 18 years of age or older,
- live or work in the National Capital Region; or are the parents, partners, or spouses of employees of the United States Park Police and the National Park Service,
- pass a criminal history investigation.

Students must attend a minimum of seven of the nine sessions to receive a completion certificate.

We will initiate a criminal history investigation for each applicant. Applicants may be rejected if they have a criminal conviction or USPP discovers evidence that they have misrepresented, omitted, or falsified any information.

The United States Park Police seeks to serve people from a wide variety of backgrounds when selecting participants in its Citizens’ Academy classes. It attempts to attract candidates of different ethnicities, professions, cultural backgrounds, orientations, age groups, and neighborhoods throughout the city so as to enrich class discussions and reach out to as many communities as possible. This academy will not offer the attendee reserve, auxiliary or cadet officer status. Our purpose for this academy is to open lines of communication, form stronger bonds, and establish cognitive and cooperative relationships with the communities we serve.

To apply, please submit a completed application via e-mail to the USPP Force Training Officer at APiombo@NPS.gov. For any questions, or for information on registering for the class, please contact the United States Park Police Office of Workforce Development at (202) 610-3525.