

Mineral Wells Police Department and Fire Department 2019 Emergency Services Academy



Have you wondered what your local police and firemen do each day? Or what it takes to become a first responder? Have you ever asked why an officer didn't arrest someone? Or why the officer said they could not do anything? Do you know what happens after an officer takes a report? Do you know what it's like to make a traffic stop, fight a fire, or transport an accident victim? Do you think the law protects suspects more than it protects victims? Do you think you could do the job better? Come and find out for yourself!

These are just a few of the issues explored during the Emergency Services Academy (ESA), a series of classes hosted by the Mineral Wells Police and Fire Departments. The 10-week course explores many aspects of law enforcement and first responders with interesting and provocative topics. We are currently accepting applications for the 23rd annual class that begins Sept 18th. The classes will run from 6:30 pm to 9 pm, each Wednesday.

The academy is a 10-week course, *free of charge*. It is designed to provide community members with an opportunity to become better acquainted with our professional staff and to learn about police/fire procedures. The Academy will include classes on:

- History of MW Police and Fire Departments
- Fire and Emergency Medical Services
- Communications and Animal Control
- Fire Scene Investigations
- Emergency Vehicle Operations
- Victim Support and Services
- Constitutional and Criminal Law
- Roles of Prosecutors, Attorneys, and Judges
- Police Patrol Operations
- Criminal Investigations
- Sheriffs and Civil Law
- Use of Force

Participants will also ride-out with patrol officers and EMS providers, tour the city and county jails, perform mock traffic stops, and drive a police car on a test track.

The goal of the Emergency Services Academy is to produce informed citizens who are active in their community. Citizens will gain a better understanding of how police/fire departments operate, their roles in the community and legal system, and how their community roles change with public expectations. Open communication between students and instructors is encouraged as are conversations about local problems and current issues.

The class is limited to 25 students that are at least 18 years of age. A criminal history check will be conducted on each applicant and no participant will be allowed to carry weapons. Participants are required to attend at least eight of the 10 sessions and conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times. This year, the classes will be hosted on Wednesday evenings. Every effort will be made to maintain a balanced enrollment that reflects the total community.

Applications may be picked up from the police department or downloaded from the city's web site (www.mineralwellstx.gov). Applications are due by Sept 13th at 5 pm for consideration or, if emailed, by Sept 16th. Accepted applicants will be notified by phone or email no later than Tuesday, Sept 17th. For further information or questions, contact Sgt. Neal Davis by phone (940-328-7770, 940-329-1112 or email (ndavis@mineralwellstx.gov)).