

Citizens Police Academy

The Citizens Police Academy is an interactive program designed to educate the public about KPD policies and the criminal justice system. The CPA allows the police department and interested citizens of Kauai to share information and ideas in an interactive and positive setting, with the goal of building relationships, increasing community involvement and reducing crime on our island.



What will I learn?

Classroom and field instruction will cover a variety of subjects to give participants a brief overview of what it takes to be a police officer.

Topics include: firearms; crime scenes; communications; police vehicles; report writing; domestic violence; and community policing.

How will CPA improve police-community relations?



Misconceptions, suspicions and fear of law enforcement arise from a lack of understanding of police responsibilities. We can avoid these issues through education and information sharing, and building a better understanding of the work of police department personnel.

Where and when do we meet?

CPA participants will meet for three to four hours once a week, on a week night or a Saturday, for 13 weeks. Most sessions will be held at Ka Hale Makai o Kauai, Lihu'e Headquarters. Participants will also visit the Kipu Pistol Range and other locations as needed, including a police vehicle ride-along.

Who can apply?

There is no cost to participate in the Citizens Police Academy.

Participants must be:

- A Kauai resident
- At least 18 years of age
- Have a valid driver's license
- No prior felonies, petty misdemeanors over 5 years, DUI convictions, or domestic violence convictions

For more information, call 241-1606 or visit www.kauai.gov/police