# Alaska Department of Public Safety
# Alaska State Troopers

## Citizen Academy

D DETACHMENT- Fairbanks

Application for Admission

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**March 13, 2014**
**THROUGH**
**May 22, 2014**

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The Alaska State Troopers are hosting a Citizen Academy. The program is designed to promote and enhance citizen understanding and awareness of the role of the Alaska State Troopers within your community.

The objective of the course is not to prepare graduates to become troopers or police officers, but instead, to instill in citizens a greater knowledge and understanding of the many functions and services provided by your Alaska State Troopers.

Advance registration is required for the Academy, and it is open to any citizen who meets the following established criteria for DPS employment: a) Participants must be at least 18 years of age, b) must pass a background investigation including a criminal history check, and c) reside within the State of Alaska. **Application deadline is 4 p.m. on 3/06/2014.** Class size is limited to 15 students.

Participation requires a commitment of one evening a week and one or two Saturday mornings/afternoons for an 11 week period. Participants will meet on Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. March 13, 2014 through May 22, 2014. In addition to the above commitments, ride-along assignments with a trooper may be scheduled and are highly recommended.

Classes will be held at the Alaska State Troopers office located at 1979 Peger Road in Fairbanks unless otherwise instructed.

# What is the Alaska State Trooper Citizen Academy?

The role of troopers has always been of interest to the average citizen. The television media has capitalized upon this curiosity with shows such as “Cops”, “America’s Most Wanted”, “Stories of the Highway Patrol”, “CSI” and specifically the more recent documentary/reality television episodes about our Alaska State Troopers. Each week, real police action is broadcast into the living rooms of millions of Americans. This often creates unrealistic Hollywood ideals and spreads misinterpretation of law enforcement to citizens across the country.

Our AST program is based on Citizen Police Academy (CPA) programs being formed by police agencies all over America. CPA’s are intended to open the lines of communication between the community and their local police and help expand a police agencies community based efforts. To our citizens, it may frequently appear that troopers are not doing their job or are exceeding their authority. AST’s Citizen Academy can alleviate some misunderstanding by providing citizens a firsthand look at the statutes, regulations and policies which guide troopers in their daily duties.

The concept of the CPA actually started in the United Kingdom in 1977. It began in the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary, in City of Exeter, England. A police night school was implemented to allow citizens to learn about police functions, police operations and the organization of the police system in England.

The founders received an immediate response from the public. They were soon overwhelmed with applicants wanting to know about “their” police force. The project was so successful that it was permanently adopted as part of an ongoing public relations program.

In 1985, the Orlando, Florida Police Department adopted the concept of the Police Night School for their agency and created the first CPA in the United States. The ultimate goal of the Orlando CPA was to reduce crime through a stronger citizen commitment to the police department and the community. Success was instantaneous and a new law enforcement tool was found. Word of the success spread and in that same year Missouri City, Texas adopted the same concept. Today you will find CPA programs throughout the United States in communities large and small.

The objective of the Alaska State Trooper Citizen Academy is not to train an individual to be a “Reserve Officer” or “Trooper” but to **produce informed citizens**. Citizens and troopers will meet each other face to face in a neutral setting. Citizens’ participation in the program will provide a personal understanding and relationship with the men and women who are ***your*** Alaska State Troopers.

**State of Alaska**
**Department of Public Safety**
**Alaska State Trooper Citizen Academy**

## WAIVER AND AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION

I authorize you to furnish the Department of Public Safety with any and all information that you have concerning me, my work records, my reputation, and my military service records. Information of a confidential or privileged nature may be included. Your reply will be used to assist in determining my qualifications and fitness for the position I am seeking. I further understand that the information you furnish will not be disclosed to any person not connected with the Department of Public Safety, including myself.

I understand my rights under Title 5, United States Code, Section 552A, the Privacy Act of 1974, and waive those rights with the understanding that information furnished will be used by the Department of Public Safety and retained by them in confidence.

I hereby release you, your organization and others from any liability or damage which may result from furnishing the information requested.

_____ _____
Applicant's Signature Date

NOTE: A photocopy reproduction of this request shall be for all intents and purposes as valid as the original. You may retain this form in your files.

You must be able to answer YES to all of the following questions. If you cannot answer YES to all, your application will not be processed. Please circle your response.

A. Are you a resident of the State of Alaska? YES NO

B. Would you be willing to commit three hours a week for twelve weeks on the days and times outlined on the attached information sheet? YES NO

C. Are you at least 18 years of age? YES NO

D. It is important that Citizen Academy participants have not recently engaged in or expect to engage in any activity that is criminal, unethical, or improper in nature that might publicly embarrass or cause problems for other Citizen Academy participants or the Alaska State Troopers. Do you meet this requirement? YES NO

E. As a Citizen Academy participant, you may be observing state troopers and other public safety personnel engage in activities that might involve the use of physical force and the rendering of emergency medical care while working in inclement weather conditions, and in situations that demand confidentiality. Would you be able to maintain confidentiality, follow verbal directions and assist public safety personnel if directed to do so? YES NO

NAME: _____

Last First Middle Nickname

CURRENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS: _____

Street City//State/Zip

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS: _____

Street/P.O. Box City/State/Zip

TELEPHONE NUMBERS (please list all that apply):

Residence _____ Work _____ Message _____ Cell _____

Pager _____ E-Mail (optional) _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____/_____/_____

DRIVERS LICENSE/ID NUMBER: _____ STATE: _____

NOTE: A past criminal record alone does not prohibit an individual from participating.

**CRIMINAL HISTORY: Have you ever been arrested and/or convicted of a crime other than a traffic infraction? YES NO**

**If YES, please explain here:**

Dates Location of Occurrence Crime

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Have you ever applied for the Alaska State Trooper Citizen Academy in the past ? YES NO
If YES, when? _____

1. Please describe your employment history.

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2. Please describe your education and training:

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3. Briefly list your current interests, hobbies, professional or personal activities. If you are currently active with a neighborhood community or civic organization, please list below:

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4. Why would you like to participate?

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5. Please describe something that police do that you don't understand. Perhaps this is something that happened to you, you observed, or saw on television or read about:

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6. Have you had mostly positive or negative experiences with the police? (Circle one. Does not have to be limited to the Alaska State Troopers). Please describe one positive or negative experience.

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7. There is always room for improvement. Please describe something you feel the Alaska State Troopers could improve upon.

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Please list a personal reference (other than a relative):

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Name Complete Address Phone

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Is there any other information you would like to provide about yourself which you think might be helpful?

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I understand that the Alaska State Trooper Citizen Academy is an eleven week program with classes meeting as described on the instruction page. Due to the class size being limited, I understand the importance of my commitment to attend all of the classes. Furthermore, I attest that the above information provided by me is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and authorize the State of Alaska to conduct a background and criminal history check on me.

_____ _____
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT DATE

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:
AST Citizen Academy
Alaska State Troopers
1979 Peger Road
Fairbanks, AK 99709
e-mailed to BURKE.BARRICK@ALASKA.GOV or faxed to (907) 451-3002

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DATE RECEIVED:_____ DATE BACKGROUND COMPLETED: _____ BY: _____

ACCEPTED: YES___NO___ REASON FOR DENIAL: _____

DATE _____NOTIFIED:_____VIA: LETTER: _____ PHONE:_____ BY:_____