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2025 Kearney Police/Buffalo County Sheriff Citizen Police Academy

The Kearney Police Department is now accepting applications for the 24th Citizen Police Academy. The 9 sessions will be held on Tuesday's from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center. The sessions will be held April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27. Topics covered will include current trends in law enforcement, Criminal Investigations, Accident Investigations, Patrol Operations, Use of Force, and Special Operations. There will also be a tour of the Buffalo County Jail, K9 and Drone presentations, and a graduation with a presentation from a professional in the field of law enforcement.

This is an interactive class that combines classroom and lecture along with hands on activities. Students will have the opportunity to investigate mock crime scenes, make mock traffic stops, and make use of force decisions in dynamic scenarios utilizing the Virtra simulator. Participation in the scenarios is recommended, but optional. Special consideration will be taken for those who would like to participate, but may be limited by physical disabilities. A ride along with an on-duty officer is optional. The class is free to accepted participants.

Citizens interested must have no felony convictions, no convictions for crimes of violence or domestic violence, a valid driver's license, and no drug convictions in the last 4 years. Participants must be at least 18 years of age. A background check will be conducted on all applicants and applicants will be notified if accepted into the Academy.

Applications are available at the front desk of the Kearney/Buffalo County Law Enforcement Center, 2025 Avenue A. or on the City of Kearney webpage. Applications must be returned to the Kearney Police Department by Friday, March 25, 2025. For further information, please contact Lt. Jason Koettters at (308) 233-5244 or email jkoettters@kearneygov.org

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