



Resource List of Citizen, Police and Leadership Academies in California

The Public Engagement and Collaborative Governance program, a program of the Institute of Local Government, has compiled this list of citizen and police academies, as well as general leadership programs, as a service for local officials and others who wish to learn more about this growing phenomenon. Please let us know if information here is out of date or if there is a source we should add. Contact Terry Amsler, Program Director, at: tamsler@ca-ilg.org.

Citizen Academies

Citizen academies (they of course go by different names) are designed to inform and educate city residents about the various departments and services of local government. Course topics may range from city budgeting to economic development; from parks and recreation to city planning; and from police and fire services to the role of the city clerk and attorney. Each academy is typically designed to increase the citizen's ability to understand and participate in their city's government.

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- [Clovis](#)
[Citizen's Academy](#)
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- [Redwood City](#)
[Partnership Academy for Community Teamwork](#)
Malcom Smith
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- [San Luis Obispo](#)
The Making of a City
Katie Lichtig, City Manager
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- [Santa Maria](#)
Citizen's Academy
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- [San Mateo](#)
[City Services Academy](#)
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- [Santa Clara Leadership Santa Clara](#)
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City Manager Office, (408) 615-2213
- [Santa Monica Leadership Series](#)
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Police Academies

Police Academies are designed largely to familiarize citizens with local law enforcement and that agency's responsibilities and procedures, as well as to foster better police-community relationships.

- [Anaheim Citizens Academy](#)
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- [Atascadero Citizens Police Academy](#)
(805) 461-5000
- [Berkeley Citizen Police Academy](#)
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- [Brea Citizen Police Academy](#)
Detective James Celmer
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- [Buena Park Community Police Academy](#)
BPPD Community Relations Unit
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- [Burbank Community & Youth Academy](#)
COPS Bureau
(818) 238-3235
- [Camarillo Citizens Police Academy](#)
Sr. Deputy Robert McLean
(805) 388-5130

- [Chico](#)
[Citizens Academy](#)
(530) 897-4940
- [Chino](#)
[Citizens Academy](#)
Leah Green
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- [Clayton](#)
[The Citizen Academy](#)
Jim O'Brien, Community Services Officer
(314) 290-8424
- [Concord](#)
[Citizen Police Academy](#)
City Clerk's Office
(925) 671-3495
- [Covina](#)
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[Citizens Police Academy](#)
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- [Cypress](#)
Citizen Police Academy
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- [Davis](#)
[Citizen Police Academy](#)
Michele Reynolds
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- El Dorado County
[Sheriff's Department](#)
Citizen's Academy
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[Citizen's Police Academy](#)
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[Citizen's Police Academy](#)
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[Citizen's Police Academy](#)
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[Citizens Academy](#)
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- Grass Valley
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CSO Joan Nio
(530) 477-4600
- [Hollister](#)
[Citizen Academy](#)
Academy Coordinator
(831) 638-4117
- [Huntington Park](#)
[Citizens Academy](#)
(323) 584-6254
- [Inglewood](#)
[Citizens Police Academy](#)
Community Affairs Liaison
(310) 412-5530
- [Irvine](#)
[Community Police Academy](#)
Katie Brannen
(949) 724-7045
- [La Palma](#)
Korean Citizens Police Academy
(714) 690-3381
- [Laguna Beach](#)
Citizen Police Academy
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- [Laguna Niguel](#)
Police Services Citizens Academy
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[Citizen's Police Academy](#)
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- [Monterey](#)
[Citizens Police Academy](#)
Volunteer Coordinator
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- [Morro Bay](#)
Citizen Academy
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- [Mountain View](#)
[Citizen's Police Academy](#)
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- [City of Orange](#)
[Citizen Academy Volunteers](#)
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- [Pacific Grove](#)
[Citizens Academy](#)
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- [Palm Springs](#)
[Citizen's Police Academy](#)
Dora Melanson
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- [Pasadena](#)
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Community Services Section
(626) 744-4551
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[Teen Citizen Police Academy](#)
Community Services Section
(626) 744-4551
- [Paso Robles](#)
[Citizens Police Academy](#)
Christina Hatch
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- [Pleasant Hill](#)
[Citizens Academy](#)
Sgt. Lisa Hugdahl
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- [Pleasanton](#)
[Citizens Police Academy](#)
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[Citizen's Police Academy](#)
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- [Rialto](#)
Community Academy
Joe Cirilo
(909) 820-2594
- [Richmond](#)
Citizens Academy
Capt. Williams or Michelle Milam
(510) 620-6538

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[Community Police Academy](#)
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[Community Academy](#)
Crime Prevention Office
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- [Santa Maria](#)
[Citizen's Academy](#)
(805) 928-3781 x279
- [Santa Monica](#)
[Citizen Academy](#)
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[Citizen's Police Academy](#)
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- [Yuba City](#)
[Citizen Police Academy](#)
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Non-Government Leadership Programs

These leadership programs also inform and educate city residents though they're not directly related to government. They are often initiated and managed by chambers of commerce or other non-governmental organizations.

- [Equal Voice Leadership Academy](#)
[Marin Grassroots Leadership Network](#)
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- Leadership Academy
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- [Leadership Santa Barbara County](#)
Independent Non-Profit Organization
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- [Leadership Santa Clara](#)
Scott Summerfield, Program Coordinator
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- [Leadership Santa Maria Valley](#)
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