

# The Morton Grove Citizens Police and Fire Academy



## Class 2026-01

March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, through May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Every Wednesday

10 consecutive weeks

6:30pm to 8:30pm



## Morton Grove Citizens Police and Fire Academy



### What is the Citizens Police and Fire Academy?

Are you interested in getting an up-close look at what police officers and firefighters do? The Citizens Police and Fire Academy is a 10-week program, with one block of instruction per week, designed to give participants an understanding of the operations of the Morton Grove Police and Fire Departments and a working knowledge of what law enforcement and firefighting is all about. The academy classes are held once a week, every Wednesday, and are two hours in duration. Most of the classes will be held at the Morton Grove Village Hall from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Several classes will be held offsite. The class will be limited to 20 students, so register early. The academy will conclude with a graduation ceremony. Each student will receive a certificate of completion and a T-shirt.

There is no cost to participate.

Each class will provide an overview of various areas of law enforcement or firefighting. Classes will be given on the following topics:

- ❖ History of the Morton Grove Police Department
- ❖ Qualifications/hiring process
- ❖ Communications/dispatch
- ❖ Patrol functions
- ❖ Traffic/DUI enforcement
- ❖ Investigations
- ❖ Gang/drug enforcement
- ❖ Evidence processing
- ❖ Crime prevention
- ❖ Gun safety/use of force
- ❖ VirTra simulation training
- ❖ Specialty units (NIPAS/Mobile Field Force)
- ❖ Fire/paramedic operations
- ❖ Optional ride-along

Several demonstrations will take place during the academy, in which attendees will be allowed to participate.

## **Why Participate?**

The Morton Grove Police and Fire Departments adhere to the philosophy of community outreach and are committed to developing partnerships with the citizens of the Village and surrounding communities. The Citizens Police and Fire Academy provides an opportunity for citizens to develop direct lines of communication with the Police and Fire Department. The citizens participating in the academy will have a working knowledge of the Morton Grove Police Department and the Morton Grove Fire Department and their functions. The hope is that the instruction will strengthen police/fire community rapport through an educational process, increase understanding of police/fire practices and procedures, and dispose of misconceptions. The police and fire departments in turn become more aware of the concerns and questions of the community it serves.

## **Who Can Attend?**

Participants must be at least 18 years of age, reside or work in the Village of Morton Grove, or in a surrounding community. They must be of good moral character with no felony convictions. There will be a criminal history review conducted on each applicant prior to acceptance into the academy. An application for the academy must be completed and signed along with a waiver of liability. You will be notified when you are accepted into the Citizens Police and Fire Academy.

## **What the Academy is NOT**

The Citizens Police and Fire Academy is not designed to make participants certified police officers or firefighters. The participation and completion of the academy is designed to develop partnerships with the community. Graduating from the academy does not grant police or fire authority to participants.

## **Attendance**

You are expected to attend all sessions to graduate. We understand that emergencies do occur. If you are unable to attend a session, please call Officer Jurasz or Officer Lang at 847-663-3804/3813. If you have more than two unexcused absences, you will not be allowed to graduate. Out of courtesy to the instructor(s) and your fellow students, please arrive on time.

## **To Apply to the Citizens Police and Fire Academy**

If you are interested in applying for the Citizens Police and Fire Academy, you can pick up an application at the Morton Grove Police Department, email us, or download it online through the Village of Morton Grove website on the Morton Grove Police Department's page. Please return all applications to the Morton Grove Police Department to Officer Jurasz or Officer Lang by **March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. You will be notified if you are selected to participate in the Morton Grove Citizens Police and Fire Academy approximately one week prior to the class starting.

For any questions or further information please contact our Community Liaison Officers, Officer Jurasz ([jjurasz@mortongroveil.org](mailto:jjurasz@mortongroveil.org)) or Officer Lang ([slang@mortongroveil.org](mailto:slang@mortongroveil.org)) at 847-663-3804/3813.



# Morton Grove Citizens Police and Fire Academy Application Form



Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License Number \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Business or Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

FOID card Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, FOID card number \_\_\_\_\_

Concealed Carry Permit Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, permit number \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been arrested? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, give the name of the arresting agency, date of arrest, and what you were charged with.

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**Please describe why you want to participate in this program:**

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**How did you hear about the Citizens Police and Fire Academy?**

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**How did you prefer to be contacted notifying you of acceptance into the program?**

**U.S. Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Call \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_**

**Morton Grove Police and Fire Department  
Waiver of Liability**

**The information provided throughout this application form is factual and accurate. I agree and understand that any deliberate misleading, false or omission of any material facts may disqualify me to attend the Citizen's Police and Fire Academy. I authorize the Morton Grove Police Department to run a criminal history check as part of the background investigation. I have read the program description for the Morton Grove Citizens Police and Fire Academy and understand that this training program will not authorize me to carry a firearm or exercise peace officer or firefighter powers if I am allowed to participate. I hold harmless the Morton Grove Police and Fire Department, the Village, their officers, agency and employees from any liability which may be incurred by them proximately resulting from any acts by me during the program. I further understand that the Morton Grove Police and Fire Department will be conducting this training free of charge and that my only obligation is to make every reasonable effort to attend and participate in all sessions. My signature below acknowledges my understanding and agreement.**

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**Signature of Applicant**

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**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Printed Name of Applicant**

**Please return this signed application and the release of liability to:  
Officer Jurasz or Officer Lang  
Morton Grove Police Department  
6101 Capulina Ave  
Morton Grove, IL 60053**



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## Release, Waiver & Hold Harmless Agreement

Name of Participant \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of the benefits that I do hereby release the Village of Morton Grove, its officials, agents, volunteers and employees (hereinafter collectively referring to the "Village") from any and all liability relating to my participation in this program. I further agree to waive and relinquish all claims I may have or accrue to as a result of participating in this program/activity against the Village, including without limitation claims, demands, actions or cause of action I have on account of any and all injuries and damage to me or to my property, or my death, arising out of or related to any happening or occurrence while or because my participation in the academy. I further agree to defend, indemnify and hold the Village harmless for any claim or loss including attorney's fees made against the Village resulting from my participation in this program.

I recognize and acknowledge that there are risks of physical and other injuries to participants in this program, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any and all injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity, I may sustain as a result of said participation.

**I have read and fully understand the warning of risk, assumption of risk and waiver and release of all claims. If registering via fax, your facsimile signature shall substitute for and have the same legal effect as an original form signature.**

The terms thereof shall be in full force and effect during the period of my participation in the Morton Grove Citizens Police and Fire Academy.

Signature of Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_