

NORTH READING POLICE DEPARTMENT

2026 CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

CONTENT OVERVIEW

Welcome and Overview

- orientation
- tour of NRPD station
- organizational structure
- modern policing 101
- tour of police cruiser
- introduction to patrol equipment

Criminal Justice Law

- intro to the criminal justice system
- Constitutional law
- legal searches
- elements of crime/probable cause
- arrests and criminal summons
- court prosecution

Investigations

- crime scene investigations
- drug investigations
- domestic violence investigations
- cybercrime
- fraud
- inter-agency investigations

Motor Vehicle Elements

- Chapter 90 law
- motorvehicle stops
- accident investigations
- radar
- field sobriety test & OUI responses
- mock booking

Partner Organizations

- SWAT
- School Threat Assessment & Response System (STARS)
- Critical Incident Stress Management
- Drone Program

De-escalation

- Use of Force Law
- de-escalation
- mental health response procedure
- simulator
- defensive tactics
- Totality Triangle

Devisional Presentations

- Sex Offender Registry
- Firearms Licensing laws
- Mental Health Clinician/Elder Services
- Community Impact Team
- Peer Recovery Program
- School Resource Officer

Graduation will be held on the final day of the course

This is intended as an overview. Course content and schedule are subject to change without notice.

