

The Buckhannon Police Citizens Police Academy & Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training courses are back!

After a three-year hiatus due to COVID, the Buckhannon Police Department (BPD) and the Upshur County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) are happy to announce the return of the Citizen Police Academy and CERT courses. Both courses are now open to the public and are accepting registrations until **February 1 2023** for the upcoming courses. See the below schedules for detailed information.



Buckhannon Police Citizen Police Academy

(May be taken separately from Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training)



This course is open to the general public and is suggested for individuals with an interest in learning about the inner workings of our city police department. Students will participate in classroom and hands-on education, gaining a better understanding of the daily activities performed by our BPD officers.

Week 1: February 7th 2023

- Orientation / Course Overview
- Police Department Overview & Tour
- Commonly Used Forms
- Offence Reporting / Crime Stats
- Intro to CALEA
- Community Policing

- Use of Force / Less Lethal
- Weapons Demonstration
- Self Defense

Week 4: February 28th 2023

- Traffic Control
- Mapping / Parade Routes
- Training Programs of BPD
- Use of Force Simulator

Week 2: February 14th 2023

- Communications
- 911 Operations
- Radio Operations
- NIMS
- Interagency Cooperation
 - Fusion Center
 - Communication between counties, state, and federal programs

Week 5: March 7th 2023

- Drug Awareness
- K-9 Operations
- Traffic Laws & Traffic Accident Investigation
- Vehicle Operations

Week 3: February 21st 2023

- Police Equipment

Week 6: March 14th 2023

- Principles of Investigation / Evidence
- Mock Crime Scene
- Graduation



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

(May be taken separately from the Citizen Police Academy training)



This course is open to the general public age 18 and older and is suggested for individuals with an interest in helping their family and neighbors through emergency preparedness and response. Students will participate in classroom and hands-on education, gaining a better understanding of how to help others until professional emergency responders arrive.

Week 7: March 21st 2023

- Introduction and Overview
- Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Safety and Suppression
- Disaster Medical Operations

Week 9: April 4th 2023

- Course Wrap-up
- Review
- Exam
- Scenarios and Practical Sessions

Week 8: March 28th 2023

- Light Search and Rescue
- CERT Organization
- Disaster Psychology
- Terrorism and CERT

Week 10: April 15th 2023

- Disaster Simulation

ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR BOTH CLASSES as class size is limited.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays beginning at 6:00pm (1800 hrs) each evening and will last approximately 2 ½ - 3 hours each. Each class will take place at the Buckhannon Police Department (24 South Florida Street) in the Community Training Room. Please use the main entrance of the police station.

Register for classes by contacting one of following:

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| ➤ Buckhannon Police Dept | Phone: (304) 472-5723 | E-mail: tmsmith@buckhannonpolice.com |
| ➤ Upshur County DHSEM | Phone: (304) 472-4983 | E-mail: scwykoff@upshurcounty.org |

These classes are sponsored by: Buckhannon Police Department; Buckhannon Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS); Upshur County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM); Upshur County Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT).