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Sheriff's Citizens' Academy is Accepting Applications

January 19, 2014 -- The Citizen Academy is part of Sheriff Pat Garrett's continuing effort to promote and preserve a safe community through citizen involvement. There is real value in giving citizens an awareness and understanding of the role of law enforcement in our communities.

The Washington County Sheriff's Citizen Academy is a 55 - hour training program that combines classroom and "hands-on" instruction to members of the community. The classes provide an opportunity to observe the inner workings of the Sheriff's Office first-hand.

The training engages students in a wide variety of activities such as using police equipment, participating in jail activities, touring criminal justice facilities, and participating in role-playing scenarios.



Students are also instructed by Sheriff's Office staff from many divisions as they explain and demonstrate the duties and responsibilities of their jobs. Instructors aim to keep their training interactive and encourage students to ask questions and comment throughout the experience. Topics include Crime Scene Investigations, Patrol Operations, Canine Teams, Officer Selection and Training, Investigations, Tactical Operations, Use of Firearms, Jail Operations, Narcotics Enforcement, and the mission of the Traffic Safety Unit.

The next Citizen Academy begins Tuesday, March 18, 2014, and runs through graduation on Tuesday, May 20, 2014. Classes are held every Tuesday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., with three weekend classes during each session. Classes are typically held in the training rooms at the Sheriff's Office Headquarters at 215 SW Adams Avenue in Hillsboro.

Participants must be at least 18 years of age and live in Washington County. They must also attend at least 10 of the 12 classes offered to qualify for graduation. Each academy is limited to 40 students, so please check your schedules carefully before applying for the course. Please also note that graduates will not be deputies or reserve deputies.

For more information, contact Darlene Schnoor at (503) 846-2774 or by email at darlene_schnoor@co.washington.or.us. Applications for the academy are available:

- Online: www.co.washington.or.us/Sheriff/GetInvolved/LearnMore/citizens-academy.cfm
- Sheriff's Office Headquarters, 215 SW Adams Avenue in Hillsboro

- Sheriff's East Precinct, 3700 SW Murray Boulevard in Beaverton

Sheriff Garrett thanks all the citizens, business owners, school administrators, or other community leaders who take time to attend this incredible training. This academy is a great way to gain an understanding of the wide variety of duties deputies perform to keep Washington County safe and livable. We find our citizen academy graduates to be well-informed ambassadors to the community as they share their new-found knowledge of the Sheriff's Office with family, friends, neighbors and co-workers.