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CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY OFFERS UNIQUE LOOK AT MPD

The Milwaukee Police Department is now accepting applications for its next Citizen Police Academy Class that begins Wednesday, March 19, 2008. Applications are available at the Police Academy, 6680 N. Teutonia Avenue.

The Milwaukee Citizen Police Academy is a 10-week program designed to provide citizens with a working knowledge of the Milwaukee Police Department. It consists of a series of classes held once a week for three hours. Instruction includes classroom academics and practical applications in law, police procedures, defense and arrest tactics, firearms training and state-of-the-art technology used to combat crime.

Tours of various police facilities and demonstrations of equipment will also be conducted. This program provides citizens an opportunity to ask questions about police services and to express their concerns about quality of life issues. At the end of the program, citizens will participate in a graduation ceremony.

Citizen Academy Facts:

- Classes will be held every Wednesday, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Class begins March 19, 2008 and ends May 28, 2008
- A graduation ceremony will be held at the Police Academy on May 28, 2008.
- The Academy is a 10-week program consisting of 30 hours of instruction, practical applications and demonstrations
- Most classes will be held at the Milwaukee Police Academy, 6680 N. Teutonia Avenue, however, tours and demonstrations are scheduled at other department facilities. Participants will be driven from the Academy to these locations by the Milwaukee Police Department motor coach during class hours
- Class size is limited to 30 participants for optimum interaction among instructors and participants
- Participants must attend **80 percent** of the course in order to graduate. The curriculum builds upon itself. Each class is critical to understanding the function of the Police Department. **Participants missing more than two classes will be dropped from the Academy**

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- Citizens accepted for the Academy will be required to provide photo identification and they must sign a release
- Attendees are required to wear a uniform polo shirt during all Academy activities. The cost of the shirt is \$20 and it remains the property of the participant. All other material and supplies will be provided by the Milwaukee Police Department
- Participants will be allowed to ride with officers on patrol and/or walk a beat with neighborhood foot patrol officers
- Participants will receive instruction concerning the training given to police officers in areas such as Defense and Arrest Tactics, Emergency Vehicle Operation and Pursuits and Firearms. Citizens will not discharge a firearm or operate a department vehicle as part of this training.
- Instructors are Milwaukee Police Department professionals

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