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Subject : Enrollment Begins for Citizens Academy Session

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Palo Alto, CA. - Citizens are invited to enroll for the next session of the Palo Alto Police Citizen's Academy, which meets weekly between October 1st and November 19th. The class sessions will be held each Wednesday, between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Topics will include:

The selection and training process for police officers,

The activities on a typical police patrol shift in Palo Alto

*Use of force, including "Shoot! – Don't Shoot!" firearms-training simulator.

*Criminal Investigations procedures

*Communications/Dispatch procedures and a "sit-along" in the Dispatch Center.

*Laws of Arrest / Search and Seizure

*Patrol ride-along with an officer.

*Internal Affairs Procedures.

*and many more topics...

Candidates must meet the following criteria:

*Minimum age of 16 years (under 18 years requires parental consent.)

*Residence, employment, or some connection to the Palo Alto community.

*No felony convictions.

*No misdemeanor convictions within one year.

*Successfully pass an interview and background check.

Interested community members are asked to contact Susie Ord, the Coordinator of the Citizens Police Academy at 650.329.2632 or on-line at susie.ord@cityofpaloalto.org.

Applications can be downloaded at http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/depts/pol/community_involvement.asp

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