

# **Citizens Police Academy**

**March 18 – May 22, 2010**

The Fairfax County Police Department is now accepting applications for its spring Citizens Police Academy. The Citizens Police Academy offers Fairfax County citizens a better understanding of the Police Department and a greater awareness of the daily challenges faced by its officers.

The Citizens Police Academy is a ten-week program designed to provide members of the public a unique “glimpse behind the badge.” Attendees will have an opportunity to learn about departmental resources, programs, and, most importantly, the men and women who comprise the Fairfax County Police Department, an organization nationally recognized as a leader in the law enforcement community.

Classes are a combination of lecture and interactive activities. Topics include SWAT and special operations, gangs, 911 communications center, patrol, crime prevention, crime scene, identity theft, and a tour of the Adult Detention Center.

The spring Citizens Police Academy will be held on Thursday evenings from March 18 through May 22, 2010. Classes meet from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., with the exception of graduation, which will be held on Saturday, May 22 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Class locations will rotate to various police facilities throughout the county.

The program is offered free of charge. Applicants are required to live or work in Fairfax County, must be 18 years of age, and provide their own transportation to and from training. Acceptance is subject to review of applicant’s criminal record and police contact history.

For an application form, please see our web site  
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/services/citizens-police-academy.htm>.

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