

Palo Alto Citizens Police Academy

September 12 – October 24, 2007, Wednesday evenings, 6 – 9PM

Graduation on Thursday, October 25, 2007

The Palo Alto Police Department is inviting community members to participate in the 21st Citizens' Police Academy, Level 1, will begin September 12, 2007. Level 1 is an eight week course, emphasizing the basic elements of law enforcement. Its primary purpose is to give participants an overview and a better understanding of the police department's basic functions and operational procedures. The curriculum will address misconceptions by offering a no-nonsense approach to the reality of police work. Students will learn about our police organization, what it takes to become a police officer for Palo Alto, what happens during a patrol officer's shift, how crimes are investigated, use a firearms simulator for "Shoot, Don't Shoot" scenarios to better understand the decisions an officer has to make in a split second, hear how an internal affairs investigation is conducted and our special radio communication dispatchers. Each class will be eye-opening and students will have many opportunities to ask questions most people never have the chance to ask.

The majority of the classes will be held at the Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Class size is limited to 20 students.

All Citizens' Police Academy graduates are invited to attend *Level 2*, advanced classes such as Evidence Collection, Sexual Assault Investigations, Fraud & Financial Crimes, SWAT, Canine Team, Traffic & DUI Enforcement and Stress Management in Law Enforcement. Approximately 4 – 6 advanced classes are offered throughout the year.

Candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Minimum age of 16 years (under 18 must have parental consent)
- Live, work or connected to the Palo Alto community
- No felony convictions
- No misdemeanor convictions within one year of application
- Interview and background check

Obtain an application:

- At the Police Department lobby
- Download an application from our website at: www.papd.org
- Contact the academy coordinator, Susie Jones at (650) 329-2632

Applications will be accepted until the class is full. Acceptance is based upon completion of a basic background and interview. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis. The next class will be offered in the spring of 2008.

Thank you,

Susie Jones

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Services Protecting our Residents

Enhance your information about services available to assist families in our community. Become a **Family Resources Ambassador** to learn about local resources in the fields of basic needs, child care, community service, disability resources, education, health care, mental health & counseling, as well as emergency/crisis. You will meet service providers, community leaders, and fellow participants interested in helping others. Ambassadors are the personal link between valuable resource knowledge / connections and individual communities (neighborhood, workplace, social groups, etc) where friends express their needs. Graduate with the *power to make a difference* in the lives of families every day. "*You never know when someone or what someone will need. It feels good to help.*" –Graduate Ambassador

Participants meet 6 times: once a month from October thru March on the 1st Thursdays from 8:40 – 12:45 at the Cubberley Community Center. To reserve your place, call Erwin Gonzales at 329-2619 or e-mail to erwin.gonzales@cityofpaloalto.org

Community Services Department

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