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Citizens Academy Accepting Applications for Spring 2015 Session

St. Louis, Mo. - The Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis has announced plans for Citizens Academy Class 2015-01. The program, designed to strengthen the bond between the department and the community, will begin March 4, 2015 and conclude with graduation on May 20, 2015. The class will meet Wednesday nights from 6-9 p.m. at the St. Louis Police Academy. Parking is provided.

The Citizens Academy is a twelve-week course with one night of instruction per week. Citizens will gain a better understanding of the inner workings of the department through instruction in the department's history and structure, predicting and analyzing crime patterns, gang intelligence, homicide investigations and community policing techniques. Nearly all instruction is provided by commissioned police officers.

Participants will have the opportunity to meet Chief Sam Dotson and the Deputy Chiefs of the department. They will also interact with police canines, the police bomb robot, tour the 911 call center and use the driving and shooting simulators.

Applications for the program can be found on the department's website, www.slmpd.org, and will be available online until February 25, 2015. Applicants must be St. Louis city residents or business owners, must be at least 18 years of age, must have no outstanding arrest warrants and must agree to a criminal background check. There is no fee associated with attending the Citizens Academy.

Citizens who have questions about the Academy can contact the department at (314) 444-5638 or by e-mailing citizensacademy@slmpd.org.

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