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### **Auburndale Police Department Holds Second Citizen Police Academy**

The Auburndale Police Department will hold its Citizen Police Academy class beginning in early April. The Citizens Police Academy will be presented in eighteen sessions on Tuesdays evenings from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. The first class will begin April 14, 2009 and will conclude on August 11, 2009.

The Citizen Police Academy is an exciting and educational experience that puts you in the boots of an Auburndale Police Officer. The academy was established in 2008 in an effort to bring the police and the citizens of Auburndale closer together to help in crime prevention and eliminate many of the preconceived notions the general public has about Law Enforcement.

As a recruit in the academy, the participant will be exposed to the life of a police officer and what he or she has to deal with on a daily basis. You will receive hands on experience and practical applications of many aspects of police life. Some of the training included in the course will be crime scene processing, actual traffic stops in a patrol vehicle, and a look at how alcoholic beverages affect driving and motor skills.

The academy participant will receive instruction on several key areas that will not only help them in their daily lives, but they will become more informed about the law as it pertains to traffic enforcement, criminal law, civil law, and domestic violence awareness. These are just some of the areas of instruction that a recruit of the academy will explore and experience firsthand.

The course will be challenging, but the participants will come away from the program with a more informed and better educated prospective than that of the average citizen.

The Citizen Police Academy is free of charge and is open to adults 18 years of age or older. Applications are available on the City of Auburndale website [www.auburndalefl.com/police](http://www.auburndalefl.com/police) and at the police department. Applications will be accepted through April 1, 2009. Applicants will be subject to a background check.

For more information, contact Sgt. Michael Peterson at (863) 965-5555 ex 249.

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