



## Press Release

**Contact Person:** Cpl. Brian Henderson or Ofc. Ashley Van Es

**Date:** July 10, 2013

**Subject:** 41<sup>ST</sup> Citizens Police Academy class announced for Fall 2013

**Dates of class:** Every Tuesday starting Aug 27<sup>th</sup> and ending Nov 19<sup>th</sup>

The Joplin Police Department is proud to announce the upcoming fall session of the Citizens Police Academy. The Citizens Police Academy is an exciting 12 week program hosted by the police department. This program targets people in our area who want to learn more about the Joplin Police Department. Offered FREE of charge, this hands-on, interactive, behind-the-scenes program is taught by experienced police officers, who share their unique perspective on law enforcement. The classes will be held every *Tuesday* evening starting *August 27<sup>th</sup>* from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The CPA will conclude on *November 19<sup>th</sup>* with a graduation ceremony and dinner. The classes will be held at various locations throughout the City. The class size will be limited to approximately 25 participants.

Topics covered will include: crime scene investigations, narcotics investigations, child abuse investigations, traffic crash investigations, vehicle stops, SWAT operations and equipment, use of force tactics, building clearing, DWI enforcement, and an introduction to the K9 unit.

After the class has been completed, a graduation ceremony is held to recognize each participant.

## **Why the Citizens Police Academy?**

The concept of the Citizens Police Academy involves opening the Joplin Police Department to the public, and showing citizens exactly what we do and how we do it. As a result, graduates of the Citizens Police Academy are better equipped to assess safety issues and share with others their knowledge of law enforcement practices and policies.

Given our commitment to the community and proactive problem-solving, we see the Citizens Police Academy as an effective way of bringing law enforcement and the public together in an informal, educational forum. The benefits of such a partnership can only help strengthen the entire community in terms of public safety and quality of life.

Interested persons are encouraged to contact the Special Enforcement Bureau of the Joplin Police Department at (417) 627-8880, or submit the attached application. An application can also be obtained on our web site [www.joplinpolice.org](http://www.joplinpolice.org) under Events/Citizen's Police Academy, the front desk of the Joplin Police Department at 303 E. 3rd Street, or at our South Station located at 115 E. 34<sup>th</sup> Street in Joplin.

# **Joplin Police Department**

## **Citizens Police Academy**

### **Application Form**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Employment: Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months \_\_\_\_\_

Personal reference that we may contact: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been arrested, and if so, for what? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense, and if so, what was the offense?

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What is your reason for wanting to participate in the Citizens Police Academy?

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All applicants must be at least 21 years of age. A background check will be done on each applicant. The Joplin Police Department reserves the right to deny entry to the Academy based on the findings of a background check.

All information on the above application is true. I authorize the Joplin Police Department to conduct a background check based on this application.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this form to:**  
**Joplin Police Department**  
**Special Enforcement Unit**  
**115 E 34<sup>th</sup> St., Joplin MO 64804**  
**Fax (417) 627-8882**

# **Academy Participant Release**

**I, \_\_\_\_\_, a voluntary participant in the Citizens Police Academy service program, do, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, forever remise, release and discharge the City of Joplin, including all representatives, of and from all manner of actions, causes of action, suits, debts and sums of money, dues, claims and demands, in law or equity, by reason of my participation in said program.**

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_**