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Wheeling Police Seeking Applicants for Citizens Police Academy Program

WHEELING, W.Va. - The Wheeling Police Department is now accepting applications for its 12th Citizens Police Academy (CPA) class – set to begin on March 2, 2017. The classes will be held on Thursday evenings from 6-9 p.m. in the basement classroom of the Wheeling City-County building.

The Citizens Police Academy is an 11-week program intended to foster relationships with the citizens of Wheeling in order to provide them with a working knowledge of the policies and limitations of the Wheeling Police Department.

This program helps to increase the trust and confidence of citizens in the department's ability to provide effective public safety. The CPA educates citizens and creates a better understanding of the Wheeling Police Department by providing a unique insiders perspective.

To qualify as an applicant, you must be at least 18-years-old, of good moral character and pass a background check. There is no cost to participate in this program.

Students will learn from local professionals in the criminal justice field including police officers, judges, attorneys and victims' advocates. Additionally, students will take trips to the Northern Regional Jail and the police firearms range, as well as participate in a police ride along.

Applications can be obtained online at www.wheelingpd.com or at the front desk of the Wheeling Police Department located at 1500 Chapline Street. The application deadline is **Feb. 15, 2016**.

Additional questions can be directed to Sgt. Josh Sanders at 304-234-3664.

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