



CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

COMMUNITY POLICE ACADEMY

EVENT: Community Police Academy

DATE: January 16, 2013

The Desert Hot Springs Police Department and the City of Desert Hot Springs will host a Community Police Academy to residents beginning Tuesday March 5, 2013. The eight week class will meet on Tuesday nights for three hours at the Henry V. Lozano Community Center at Guy J. Tedesco Park in Beautiful Desert Hot Springs.

The Academy is part of the departments Community Policing Initiative and is designed to provide an in-depth look at department practices, personnel, and the criminal justice system. Students will meet and interact with staff including the Chief of Police, Operations and Administrative Commanders, Sergeants, Patrol Officers, Special Enforcement Teams, Detectives, Crime Scene Investigators, Crime Prevention Officers, Dispatchers, and representatives from the District Attorneys office. Many topics are discussed and include Community Policing, Use of Force, Narcotics, Gangs, Patrol Operations, Parolees, Criminal Prosecution (what happens after the arrest...), Crime Scene Investigation, Department Weapons, and Police Academy life to name a few. A station tour and ride along with an officer is also encouraged.

We believe that the Community Police Academy provides an invaluable opportunity for residents, city and police staff to come together and create a rapport, build relationships, and put a name and face to who might otherwise have been a phone call. In this way the relationship becomes more personal and strengthens the resolve to work together on community issues.

The Academy is open to adult residents of The City of Desert Hot Springs and

surrounding county areas. 16-17 year olds may attend with a parent or legal guardian. There is no cost for DHS residents.

Applications are due two weeks prior to class. As class size is limited please submit your applications early. Applications can be obtained from the city web site at www.cityofdhs.org, or at the Police Department lobby located at 65950 Pierson Blvd., Desert Hot Springs, CA. 92240.

Any questions regarding this public service announcement should be directed to Community Resource Specialist Jim Knabb at the Desert Hot Springs Police Department.

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