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### **Riverside Police Restart Citizen Academy**

**Riverside, California** — The Riverside Police Department announces the reinstatement of the Citizen Academy. The academy was established in 1994 with the goal of providing our community members with an inside look at how their department runs its day-to-day operations.

The curriculum and teaching methods are not designed to train participants to become police officers. The goal is to educate citizens and encourage them to participate in a police-community partnership, promote open lines of communication, develop lasting relationships and promote programs such as Neighborhood Watch, Traffic Safety, and Crime Free Multi-Housing.

Another goal of the Citizen Academy is to promote community volunteerism. Participants will be encouraged to become involved in community partnership and volunteer programs. City volunteer programs provide a diverse selection of work opportunities.

The Riverside Police Department is accepting applications for the 33rd Citizen Academy, which begins Thursday, March 31, 2011 and continues every Thursday through May 26, 2011. Classes are limited to 40 people and applications must be received by March 3, 2011.

More information and/or the online application can be found on the RPD website at [www.rpdonline.org](http://www.rpdonline.org).

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