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NEWS RELEASE

Apply for the Citizens' Police Academy!

Durango, CO: Interested in learning more about the Durango Police Department? Residents of La Plata County are encouraged to apply for the Citizens' Police Academy, a 12-week program giving community members a first-hand look into the workings of the Department and Officers' roles in keeping our city safe. It will be held Wednesdays, March 4 to May 20, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Durango Police Department, Durango Emergency Communications Center, 221 Turner Drive.

The Academy increases citizens' understanding of police work and law enforcement's role in the criminal justice system. Durango Police Officers, civilian employees and community partners teach sessions on a variety of topics including traffic problems, domestic violence, gangs, tactical response and investigations. Students will have the opportunity to ride along in a patrol car to witness what Officers see and hear, and what they are trained to do in a variety of circumstances. Participants may spend time in the Central Communications Center, hearing actual calls for service and the dispatching of officers. They may also participate in an unarmed self-defense training session.

Take advantage of this unique opportunity to better understand the Durango Police Department. Apply online at DurangoGov.org/CitizensAcademy or pick up an application at the Department, 990 E. 2nd Avenue. For more information, contact Elizabeth Bartley at (970) 375-4701 or Sergeant Tim Dixon at (970) 375-4746.

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