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Event: Ventura Police Community Academy

Location: Ventura Police Department, 1425 Dowell Dr. Ventura, CA 93003

Date/Time: Tuesdays, March 22, 2016 – May 17, 2016, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Narrative:

The Ventura Police Department's Community Academy is coming! Have you ever wanted to know the who, what, when, where, why and how of police operations? Not the 'TV' version, but the actual facts? Here's your chance! The Community Academy will take you on a ride-along with a patrol officer, show you what a SWAT team does, let you experience a simulated firearms training course, give you a look at issues Officers face in our community and much, much more.

The Community Academy is scheduled to begin March 22 and will be held on 9 consecutive Tuesday nights from 6:00– 9:00 p.m. with a final class and graduation on May 17. Each night features a new topic, with speakers, demonstrations, and discussions. We'll answer your questions and give you an in-depth behind the scenes look at police operations.

Class dates: March 22, March 29, April 5, April 12, April 19, April 26, May 3, May 10 and May 17.

Class Location: Ventura Police Department 1425 Dowell Drive Ventura CA 93003 *May 3 class meets in Camarillo at the Criminal Justice Training Center.

Community Academy participants are selected by the Ventura Police Department through the application process. Applications are available from the Department or through the online web application found at cityofventura.net/pd/community-academy.

Potential candidates must meet the following criteria: minimum age of 18 years, live or work in the City of Ventura, no felony convictions and no misdemeanor convictions within two years of application. A background check is required.

The success of any police department depends largely upon the cooperation and support it receives from the citizens it serves. The Community Academy aims to educate residents on the capacity and operations of the department so that we can work together to make Ventura a better place to live, work and play.

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