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Peabody Police Department Offers Citizen's Academy

The Peabody Police Department is sponsoring a Citizen's Academy to provide residents with an inside look at 21st century local law enforcement.

Beginning Tuesday, September 15th from 6:30pm – 8:30pm and continuing each Tuesday evening through November 17th, participants will be instructed in a host of topics ranging from patrol/booking/OUIL-drugs to traffic stops, criminal investigations and firearms.

"The Citizen's Academy allows residents to become much more familiar with the inner workings of the Peabody Police Department," said Police Chief Tom Griffin. "Participants gain an entirely different perspective into the community in which they live when they learn to see things through the eyes of a police officer."

"The men and women of the Peabody Police Department have difficult jobs and they do them with the utmost skill and professionalism," said Mayor Edward A. Bettencourt, Jr. "The Citizen's Academy will help foster an even better appreciation for the service and sacrifice of these outstanding public safety officials."

Topics will be presented by different members of the department each who specialize in the various aspects of law enforcement. Participants will learn the fundamentals of dispatch, community policing, crime prevention and the legal process.

"We hope and expect that participants will graduate from the Citizen's Academy with a newfound appreciation for what we as police officers do," said Captain Scott Richards who is spearheading the Academy. "Participants will finish with a good deal of first-hand knowledge of how the Department operates. It will be a real eye opener."

Those interested in enrolling in the Citizen's Academy can find an application at www.peabodypolice.org.