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CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY TO START IN MARCH

The Morris Police Department is looking for people interested in participating in the 2010 Morris Police Citizen's Police Academy.

The Citizen's Police Academy is a program designed to give participants a working knowledge of the Morris Police Department. It consists of a series of 7 classes, which are held in the evening, once a week for a period of 1 and 1/2 hours each evening.

The classes provide an in-depth view into various areas of law enforcement. It is an informative program designed to allow citizens the opportunity to learn about issues that affect law enforcement in the City of Morris. "The program basically shows citizens what we do and why we do it the way we do," said Chief Brent Dite.

Some of the topics covered are:

- Department History
- Juvenile Law, Criminal Law and the Fourth Amendment
- Special Programs
- Traffic Stops/Use of Force
- Ethics and Reporting
- Internet crimes and scams
- Crime Scene Investigations, Evidence Collection and Dusting for Fingerprints

"The main goal of the citizen's police academy is to help members of the community understand what happens at the Morris Police Department and how it affects their community. The citizens get to know the men and women of the police department and understand that they are real people behind the badges," said Chief Dite.

Anyone who is at least 18 years old and has some affiliation with the City of Morris by occupation, residency, or organization may attend. Anyone interested in participating or wishing to learn more about the academy can contact Deputy Chief Harvey Van Cleave @ 815-942-2131. Applications can be downloaded at www.morrispolice.org or picked up at the Morris Police Department.

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