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Rockford Police Announce Dates for Fall 2017 Citizens Police Academy; Now Accepting Applications

ROCKFORD, Ill. – The Rockford Police Department Fall 2017 Citizens Police Academy will run every Tuesday for 10 weeks from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., August 22 – October 17, 2017 at the Rockford Police Department District Station 2 located at 1410 Broadway. Graduation will be held October 24, 2017.

The mission of the Citizens Police Academy is to build cooperative relationships between citizens and the police through training and education. The police academy produces a network of informed citizens who can return to their neighborhoods to organize, encourage and mobilize others, and to partner with police in reducing crime in Rockford. The course curriculum includes sessions on patrol operations, 911 center operations, community policing, crime prevention through environmental design, crime analysis, criminal law, and city ordinances, among others. Interested citizens must be 18 years of age or older to participate.

Since the academy’s inception in 2009, the Rockford Police Department has trained more than 200 citizens and has 32 active police volunteers.

For more information and to print out an application go to <https://rockfordil.gov/city-departments/police/community-services-unit/community-events/>. Applications may also be obtained at the CRUs located at the Public Safety Building, 420 W. State Street, District 2 station, and Police Headquarters and District 3 station, 557 S. New Towne Drive.

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