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La Porte Police Announce Citizens Police Academy for August

The La Porte Police Department will begin a new Citizens Police Academy (CPA) on August 9, 2011 with graduation scheduled for November 15, 2011. La Porte CPA is a community awareness program that is intended to create a stronger partnership between the police department and the citizens they serve. CPA participants attended classes at the La Porte Police Department every Tuesday night for 15 consecutive weeks from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Participants are exposed to a large group of well-qualified instructors. All courses are taught by City of La Porte Police Department employees, both certified police officers and civilian employees, serving in specialized positions. To supplement the classroom instruction, hands-on training is offered to participants involving 15 areas of police operations, ranging from Special Weapons and Tactics to Community Policing.

Participation in the CPA is free and all materials are provided by the Police Department. Applicants must be at least eighteen years of age with a clear criminal history. This means that applicants can have no convictions for felony offenses, cannot be on probation for any reason, and must not have any outstanding warrants. An application is also required to be completed and a background check will be conducted prior to the first night of class. The department asks that all applicants live or work in the City of La Porte, although occasional exception(s) may be made.

CPA graduates will find an abundance of rewarding volunteer opportunities and they also become eligible to participate in the department's "ride along" program where they can experience police patrol first hand. For questions concerning La Porte's Citizens Police Academy, contact Officer Robyn Gallion at 281-842-3162 or log onto the department's website at www.ci.la-porte.us/gov/police/support/default.asp.