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Registration Open for Spring 2009 Citizen Police Academy Sessions Offered in English and Spanish

Durham, NC – Durham residents interested in learning more about the operations and services of the Durham Police Department can register for the spring session of the department's Citizens Police Academy. Applications are now being accepted for the 6-week academy which will hold classes April 7 through May 19, 2009. The classes, which are free of charge, will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Sessions will be held across from Police Headquarters in the BB & T building (505 S. Duke Street).**

The Academy's goal is to increase community support and awareness of police operations through education and to strengthen police-citizen relationships. Sessions are offered in English and Spanish and provide first-hand knowledge of police units and services, and as well as front line experiences. Participant experiences include a ride-a-long with an officer on patrol, K-9 and DWI demonstrations, gang awareness and domestic violence information, criminal investigation seminar and even a driving simulator.

The deadline to register for the Academy is **Friday, March 27, 2009**. Class size is limited to 40 students. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registration forms are available on the Police Department's website www.durhampolice.com. Click on *Information* then *Citizens Police Academy*. Forms are also available at the following locations:

- Police Headquarters
 - Police Substation 1
 - Police Substation 2
 - Police Substation 3
 - Police Substation 4
- 505 W. Chapel Hill Street
Temporarily located at Headquarters
5285 N. Roxboro Road (Eno Square Shopping Ctr).
2000 Chapel Hill Road (The Shoppes of Lakewood)
3022- Fayetteville Street

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