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### **Corsicana Police Department to Host Citizen's Police Academy**

The Corsicana Police Department will host an 11-week Citizen's Police Academy beginning Thursday, March 21, 2013 and concluding with a graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 30, 2013. Classes are scheduled from 6:00-8:30 p.m. and will be held at the Corsicana Police Department.

Class size is limited to 25 citizens that must be at least 18 years of age and either reside or work in Corsicana. Officer James Hudson is the academy's coordinator and will be assisted by several other police department employees. Citizens are encouraged to take advantage of this unique opportunity. Students are expected to attend a minimum of 9 classes to graduate.

The academy consists of a 22.5 hour block of instruction, plus at least a four hour ride-along with a patrol officer. Topics that will be covered include patrol operations, community policing, a police K-9 demonstration, alcohol and drug laws, criminal investigations, Internal Affairs, accident investigation, traffic stops, use of force, firearms and Taser exercises at the police department's firing range, Municipal and District Court presentations, and tours of the police department and the Navarro County Jail.

The academy is designed to inform the public about the police department and its operations and therefore to enhance communication, understanding, and trust with citizens. The classes will help explain why officers take certain action in some situations and why they are not legally permitted to take action in other situations.

Applications may be obtained from Mrs. Shirley Morgan, Secretary to the Chief of Police. She can be contacted at 903-654-4900, in person at the Corsicana Police Department, 200 N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., or by email at [smorgan@ci.corsicana.tx.us](mailto:smorgan@ci.corsicana.tx.us). **Completed applications must be received by Mrs. Morgan by 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

All applications will be closely reviewed prior to acceptance into the academy and the police department may not approve all applications. Anyone interested in attending the academy that has questions should contact Officer James Hudson at 903-654-4900 for assistance.