

## **CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Anthony F. Colarusso, Jr. Chief of Police

## **Press Release**

For Immediate Release-July 28, 2016 Contact: Sergeant Scott Pettingill (603)516-6122

Chief Anthony F. Colarusso, Jr. of the Dover Police Department is pleased to announce the department's Community Response and Enforcement Unit will be offering a Citizen Police Academy this fall. This is a fantastic opportunity for members of the public to get to know what it is like to be a police officer. The program will start on Thursday, September 22, 2016, and end on Tuesday, November 22, 2016.

The free ten week program will feature informative instruction from police officers and other specialized law enforcement related personnel who will provide in-depth discussions and demonstrations about their individual area of expertise. Students will receive blocks of instruction on topics such as crime scene investigation, domestic violence, patrol tactics including K9 officer demonstrations, motor vehicle enforcement, use of force and more. The students will also receive a lesson on the history of the Dover Police Department and a tour of the brand new facility.

Classes will begin on Thursday, September 22, 2016 from 6pm until 9pm. After this initial class, the rest of the classes will meet on Tuesday nights from 6pm until 9pm. The majority of the classes will meet in the training room located in the Dover Police Department at 46 Chestnut Street. Two of the classes will require students to meet at other locations within Strafford County.

Participants must be 18 years of age or older and must also pass a background investigation. Anyone with a felony, domestic violence, or violent misdemeanor conviction or is actively on probation or parole will not be selected to participate. Class size is limited and qualified participants will be selected on a first come first served basis.

The Dover Police Department Citizen Police Academy is not an accredited course and is for informational purposes only. Graduates of the course will have no law enforcement authority.



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Registration materials are available online at the Dover Police Department's home page at <u>http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/police/index.html</u>. Applicants must complete the online application and send in or drop off the signed form to the Dover Police Department.

Questions about the program as well as media inquiries should be directed to Sergeant Scott Pettingill of the Dover Police Department at 603-516-6122.