

# Press Release

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## CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY TO START IN MARCH

The Onalaska Police Department will hold its popular Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) starting in March of 2015. This is the third annual session of this well received program after it was reinstated by Onalaska Police Chief Jeffrey Trotnic after a several year hiatus.

"It was one of my goals upon assuming command of the Onalaska Police Department to hold a Citizen's Police Academy," said Onalaska Police Chief Jeffrey Trotnic, "happily the program was very well received by the public. I am a firm believer in partnering with citizens to keep our community safe and the CPA is an excellent way to do just that."

Attendees will receive instruction in Crime Scene Investigation, Emergency Vehicle Operation (EVOC), Defense and Arrest Tactics (DAAT) as well as other topics. They will also tour the jail and the Dispatch Center as part of the course.

The CPA lasts for 10 weeks. It starts March 11<sup>th</sup> and concludes with graduation on May 13<sup>th</sup> at the annual Police Week BBQ.

"I look at the CPA as an excellent way to demystify police work," said Trotnic, "it's a very "hands on" course that requires quite a time commitment, but it's a commitment worth making."

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Onalaska Sergeant Jasson Jobe is again taking the lead on the CPA.

"We're accepting applications for the 2015 CPA now," said Sergeant Jobe, "Applications are available on the City of Onalaska website in the Police Department section. Just scroll to the bottom and click on the link titled CPA Application. Also available on the website are the Waiver of Liability and the Criminal History Verification form which must be signed and turned in no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>. Applicants can simply type their information into the writable, form print it, and sign. The forms can then be either scanned and emailed to Officer Myers at [lmyers@cityofonalaska.com](mailto:lmyers@cityofonalaska.com) or turned in at the front desk of the Police Department. Paper copies of these forms are also available at the front desk of the Police Department."

Instructors for the CPA will be subject matter experts from the Onalaska Police Department, La Crosse County Sheriff, the Jail and Dispatch.

"As Chief Trotnic said, the CPA requires a time commitment but I'm sure that attendees will find it well worth it," said Sergeant Jobe, "Class size is limited so please apply early." Though applications will be accepted from anyone who lives or works in the Coulee Region, preference will be given to citizens who work, live or attend school in the City of Onalaska. Applicants must be at least 18 to participate.

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