

Press Release

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ONALASKA POLICE ANNOUNCE DATE FOR UPCOMING CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY

On March 9th the Onalaska Police Department will hold the first session of the 2016 Citizens' Police Academy (CPA). This will be the fourth CPA held by Onalaska Police since it's re-inception in 2013. The public will once again have a chance to familiarize themselves with topics like Crime Scene Investigations, Emergency Vehicle Operations (EVOC), the K-9 Program and Defense and Arrest Tactics (DAAT) to list a few of the areas of interest the CPA covers.

"We have found the CPA to be an excellent way for the Police to partner with the public," said Onalaska Police Chief Jeffrey Trotnic, "Citizens get a taste of what police work entails while getting a chance to interact with the officers in a positive manner. I think this is especially vital right now. There have been some recent incidents on the national scene that portray Police Officers in a less than favorable light. The CPA allows citizens to see Police Officers as their neighbor and fellow citizens."

Applications for the 2016 CPA are now available on the City website and at the front counter of the Onalaska Police Department. There are three forms necessary to apply and the

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forms can then be either scanned and emailed to Officer Leah Myers at lmyers@cityofonalaska.com or turned in 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's Department, the Jail and Dispatch. During the course of the CPA there will be field trips to the Jail, the Dispatch Center in La Crosse and the shooting range. The CPA lasts for 10 weeks and meets every Wednesday evening from 6:30pm until 9:30pm. Class size is limited so interested citizens are advised to sign up early.

Any questions can be directed to Officer Leah Myers of the Onalaska Police Department at (608) 781-9550.

Applications will be accepted from anyone who lives or works in the Coulee Region but 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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