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**SIXTH ANNUAL SUMMIT COUNTY CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY
KICKS OFF SEPTEMBER 7TH**

SUMMIT COUNTY, CO – Summit County law enforcement agencies are pleased to announce they are now accepting applications for the sixth annual Summit County Citizens Police Academy. Training sessions will be held at various locations throughout the county every Wednesday, September 7 through October 12, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. There will be two Saturday sessions (September 17 and October 1), from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

The Academy was formed as a joint effort between local law enforcement agencies to foster better communication and relationships between citizens and police. The intent of the Academy is not to train citizens to become police officers; instead it provides an opportunity to experience first-hand the duties and responsibilities of law enforcement personnel. The goal is to create a nucleus of well-informed citizens who possess greater insight and understanding into law enforcement practices and services.

Instructors will include personnel from all of the agencies involved, each with expertise in their specific fields. The course will cover a broad range of topics including the hiring and training process, internal affairs investigations, SWAT and use of force, patrol procedures, criminal investigations, traffic stops, a DUI simulation, shooting range instruction and a tour of the jail and courts. Based on positive feedback from last year's attendees, this year's program also includes a mock trial scenario and a session on fire agency response.

Persons interested in attending should contact their local law enforcement agency. The Academy is limited to 25 attendees, so register early to ensure your spot.

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