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**Walla Walla Police Dept**

# Press Release

## **Walla Walla Police Department is offering an eleven week Law Enforcement Citizens Academy limited to 25 citizens**

For Citizens who truly want an eye opening experience about law enforcement, this is where it begins!

The Walla Walla Police Department is pleased to announce its next Law Enforcement Citizens Academy, which will begin February 3, 2015. Participants will spend about 3 hours in a class room once a week for approximately 11 weeks.

The class is FREE and will take place at the Walla Walla Police Department, Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office, Juvenile Justice Center, Walla Walla County Superior Court building, Emergency Management and WESCOM 911 Communication Center.

The Law Enforcement Citizens Academy classes are presented by veteran Law Enforcement personnel. Participants will have the opportunity to meet with the Chief of Police and various other staff members and are encouraged to ask questions and express ideas and concerns.

Participants in the Academy are selected through an application process. Enrollment is limited to thirty students. A background check will be conducted on all participants who sign up. Applicants must be 18 or over. Forms must be submitted by January 20<sup>th</sup>. Potential candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a minimum of 18 years of age
- Must live or work in the Walla Walla Valley
- Must have **NO** felony convictions
- Must have no misdemeanor convictions within one year of application.

We also encourage our graduates to continue their involvement with the Police Department by becoming Volunteers. Our volunteers are involved with the Radar Reader Board, laser fiche, Graffiti Abatement and special events such as National Night Out.

The Citizen's Academy is a great way to learn about your community, meet nice people, and get to know the men and women of your police department.

To learn more about the Academy, or to be placed on a waiting list for the next class, please register on line at : <https://secure.wallawallawa.gov/depts/police/crimeprevention/citizensacademy> . For more information contact Vicki Ruley at (509) 524-4409 or e-mail [vruley@wallawallawa.gov](mailto:vruley@wallawallawa.gov)