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**Crime Prevention Unit**

# Press Release

## **WWPD Citizens Academy Accepting Applications**

The 2016 Citizens Academy classes will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, starting February 11<sup>th</sup>, with graduation on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Registration is free and the deadline is January 29, 2016; Class is limited to 30 participants, 18 or over.

The goal of the Citizens Academy is to provide our community an understanding of how law enforcement agencies and the judicial system work for you. This task is accomplished through several evenings of classroom education and interaction with members of law enforcement and the judicial community.

Past graduates have included: citizens from across the Walla Walla Valley, students, parents, grandparents and retirees.

CA classes will be taught by some of Walla Walla's finest and will include:

Patrol – The Backbone of Law Enforcement; Detectives/Investigations; Firearms and the Use of Force; Crime Prevention, Emergency Management; Gangs and Drugs; Prosecuting Crime in Walla Walla; Juvenile Justice; the K-9 Unit; Traffic Safety; and WESCOM – Dispatch. Tours will include the Walla Walla Police Department, Juvenile Justice Center, Superior Court, County Sheriff's Office, the County Jail, and Washington State Penitentiary. There is also a 2 hour ride along with a Walla Walla Police Officer offered.

- You must be registered to attend and agree to a background check.
  - You can apply online through the City of Walla Walla website: [www.wallawallawa.gov/depts/police/crimeprevention/citizensacademy](http://www.wallawallawa.gov/depts/police/crimeprevention/citizensacademy)
  - Applications can also be picked up at the Walla Walla Police Department.
  - If you have questions please contact Vicki Ruley, the Crime Prevention Coordinator, 524-4409.
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