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## METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **Citizens Academy Accepting Applications for Class 2017-02**

**St. Louis, Mo.** - The Metropolitan Police Department's Community Engagement and Organizational Development Division (CEODD) is now accepting applications for Citizens Academy Class 2017-02. The program, designed to further strengthen the bond between the department and the community, will begin on August 30, 2017 and conclude with graduation on November 15, 2017. The class will meet Wednesday nights at the St. Louis Police Academy.

The Citizens Academy is a twelve-week course with one night of instruction per week. Citizens will gain a better understanding of the inner workings of the department through instruction in the department's history and structure, predicting and analyzing crime patterns, gang intelligence, criminal investigations and community policing techniques. Nearly all instruction is provided by commissioned police officers.

Participants will also have the opportunity to interact with police canines, the police bomb robot, tour the 911 call center and use the driving and shooting simulators.

**Applications for the program are available on the department's website, [www.slmpd.org](http://www.slmpd.org). Applicants must be St. Louis city residents or business owners and at least 18 years of age with no outstanding arrest warrants. Applicants must agree to a criminal background check. There is no fee associated with attending the Citizens Academy.**

*Citizens who have questions about the Citizens Academy can contact the department at (314) 444-5638 or by e-mailing [citizensacademy@slmpd.org](mailto:citizensacademy@slmpd.org).*

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