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**METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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**Metropolitan Police Department Citizens Academy Accepting Applications for Fall 2011 Session**

The Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis (“the department”) has announced plans for Citizens Academy Class 2011-02. The program, designed to strengthen the bond between the department and the community will begin September 7, 2011 and conclude with graduation on November 30, 2011.

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, homicide investigations and community policing techniques. Nearly all instruction is provided by commissioned police officers.

Participants will have the opportunity to meet Chief Daniel Isom and the Deputy Chiefs of the department. They will also interact with police canines, the police bomb robot, tour the 911 call center and use the driving and shooting simulators.

**Applications for the program can be found on the department’s website, [www.slmpd.org](http://www.slmpd.org), and will be available online until August 17, 2011. Applications must be received by August 22, 2011. Applicants must be St. Louis city residents or business owners, must be at least 18 years of age, must have no outstanding arrest warrants and must agree to a criminal background check. There is no fee associated with attending the Citizens Academy.**

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

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