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La Vista, Papillion Police to Host Citizen's Police Academy

The La Vista and Papillion police departments will host a joint Citizen's Policy Academy this spring, scheduled for March 15-May 24. The academy consists of 2½ hour classes held once a week on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

The academy, to be facilitated by both departments, is designed to foster better communication between residents and the police through education. It will create a group of well-informed residents who possess greater insight into police practices and services. Graduates can share their knowledge and experiences with the community.

Certified police officers and civilian instructors will teach each class, the majority in a classroom-type setting. A variety of simulations and role-playing scenarios, as well as tours of the Sarpy County Law Enforcement and Communications centers will offer a unique, hands-on learning experience.

Participants will also be joined by firefighters from the Papillion Fire Department, where they will learn about the function of the fire department and the relationship between the police and fire services.

Participation is open to anyone who lives or works in the metro area and all classes are free. The class size is limited to 20 participants.

Applications can be submitted by contacting the La Vista Police Department, 402-331-1582. For more information, visit La Vista's website, www.cityoflavista.org/citizensacademy.

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