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MESSAGE



On Wednesday, May 15, 2013 Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey and Police Chief Chet Epperson will honor eighteen citizens who will graduate from the Citizen's Police Academy. The ceremony will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building, Classrooms A&B. Graduates, their guests and past graduates will have an opportunity to observe a K-9 and Bomb Squad Robot demonstrations.

For the past eight weeks, these eighteen citizens have spent two hours each Wednesday evening attending training sessions focused on educating citizens on the value of engagement in the public safety process. The citizens have learned about police related topics including Field and Investigative Services Bureau operations, 911 Center operations, and the Mayors vision for the City, Community Policing, Crime Prevention, Drug and Gang awareness, Crime Analysis, Criminal Laws and City Ordinances, Identity Theft, and Organizing and Maintaining a Neighborhood Watch Group.

This is the ninth class to graduate from Rockford's Citizens Police Academy. The program was designed to inform and educate citizens who will return to their neighborhoods to organize, encourage and mobilize others to partner with the police to reduce crime in Rockford. The Citizens Police Academy is a recommended component for those citizens wishing to participate in the Citizens Assisting Police Volunteer Program.

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