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# INFORMATION RELEASE

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## MESSAGE



On Wednesday, November 6, 2013 Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey and Police Chief Chet Epperson will honor fourteen citizens who will graduate from the Citizen's Police Academy. The ceremony will begin at 2:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building, Classrooms A&B.

For the past seven weeks, these fourteen 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, 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 tenth 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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