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Citizens' Public Safety Academy

Registration is underway now for the 7th annual Public Safety Academy featuring a behind the scenes look at the Gainesville Police and Fire Departments. The ten-week program, designed to familiarize citizens with all areas of law enforcement and fire operations, will include classes on crime prevention, gangs and narcotics and fire safety. Students will also participate in a police patrol ride along and suit up in 50 pounds of fire gear. The course is taught by law enforcement officers and firefighters who serve in the field each and every day.

Both agencies have state-of-the-art facilities located on the same property and wish to showcase their equipment, training, and capabilities.

Enrollment is open to all residents of Gainesville and Hall County who are 21 years or older, register early as class size is limited to 25 students. Every applicant shall be subject to a criminal history background check and must have a clear criminal history (exceptions are minor traffic offenses).

Classes will be held on Tuesdays from 6:30pm – 9:00pm April 14th- June 16th, 2020. The registration deadline is March 23, 2020.

Registration forms are available on-line at www.gainesville.org or by calling the Community Relations Unit at (770)-287-0893.