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POPULAR SUFFOLK POLICE DEPARTMENT SENIOR CITIZENS ACADEMY RETURNS

SUFFOLK, VA (March 6, 2020) The Suffolk Police Department would like to invite local senior citizens to take part in the upcoming Senior Citizens Academy which starts classes in June of 2020. The Academy offers a unique opportunity for seniors to learn more about the Department as well as how to improve their personal safety and has been extremely popular since it was first introduced.

During the expanded Academy, students will be instructed on topics that include history of law enforcement in America and Suffolk, active shooter response and firearms, crime scene investigations, crime prevention, hostage negotiations and S.W.A.T. In addition to these enlightening topics, students will also receive educational instruction from the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, Suffolk Sheriff's Office, Magistrate's Office and Public Defender's Office. The students will be given an overview of the Suffolk Police Department, its assets, capabilities and personnel and will be given tours of facilities and take part in various hands-on learning opportunities.

Classes will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday's starting June 3, 2020

and running through August 20, 2020 at Suffolk Police Headquarters, 111 Henley Place.

The Academy is also part of the Suffolk Police Department's commitment to National Night Out and this year's chosen Project 365 theme of "*Creating Community Connections*". National Night Out will be celebrated on Tuesday, August 4th, and we look forward to continuing our 14-year tradition of ranking in the Top 5 in the entire nation in our population category in this "going away party for crime".

Registration is currently underway with the deadline set for Wednesday, May 15, 2020. The application process includes a background check which will be completed on all applicants.

Applications can be found online at the Department's website, www.suffolkva.us/2020seniorcitizensacademy, and can be submitted in person or mailed to the Suffolk Police Department, Attention: Sgt. Eric Crawley, 111 Henley Place, Suffolk, VA 23434. Applications can also be emailed to ecrawley@suffolkva.us.

For additional information, call 757-514-7913.

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