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SUFFOLK POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFERS ACADEMY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

SUFFOLK, VA (February 17, 2016) In their continuing efforts to reach out to the community, the Suffolk Police Department is offering a unique opportunity for local senior citizens to learn more about the Department as well as how to improve their personal safety. Coming off the success of last year's Senior Citizens Academy, this year's event will present a number of law enforcement topics in the 8 weeks of sessions. Topics will include firearms and active shooter response, crime prevention, crime scene investigation, hostage negotiation, the history of law enforcement in America and Suffolk, an overview of Police Department assets and capabilities and more. The Academy will begin on May 4, 2016 and run through June 22, 2016 with sessions scheduled for 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. each Wednesday.

Last year's Academy saw 39 seniors complete the course. Attendees comments following their participation included: "Very educational", "Enjoyed seeing that the Officers are great people working hard to protect the City of Suffolk", "I have a much

better understanding of how the Police Department operates and I appreciate the work they do.”

Registration is currently ongoing for the Academy which will be held at Suffolk Police Headquarters located at 111 Henley Place. The application process includes a background check which would be completed on all persons applying to participate. Applicants can complete their application and submit in person or mail to: Suffolk Police Department, Attention: MPO Chris Butler, 111 Henley Place, Suffolk VA, 23434.

For additional information, contact the Suffolk Police Department at 757- 514-7986.

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