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SUFFOLK POLICE DEPARTMENT EXTENDS APPLICATION DEADLINE TO ATTEND ACADEMY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

SUFFOLK, VA (April 26, 2017) The Suffolk Police Department has extended their deadline to submit applications for their popular *Senior Citizens Academy*. One of the many tools they use in their continuing efforts to reach out to the community, the academy offers a unique opportunity for local senior citizens to learn more about the Department as well as how to improve their personal safety.

The *Senior Citizens Academy* will present a number of law enforcement topics and hands-on learning opportunities 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 June 7, 2017 and run through August 9, 2017 with sessions scheduled for 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. each Wednesday. The academy is for seniors 55 and better.

Comments from attendees following their participation included: "Very educational", "Enjoyed seeing that the Officers are great people working hard to protect the City of

Suffolk”, and “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: Sgt. James Sobers, 111 Henley Place, Suffolk VA, 23434. All applications are due no later than Wednesday, May 10, 2017.

For additional information, contact the Suffolk Police Department at 757- 514-7913.

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