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Columbia Police Training Classes Available for Citizens

The Training and Career Development Division of the Columbia Police Department is offering a Citizen's Police Academy to help educate Columbia citizens in the training and operations of our police force. The deadline for sign up for Class # 23 is March 13, 2008. Classes begin March 20, 2008 and conclude on May 29, with graduation on June 5. Classes are free.

Classes include training in:

- Terrorism Awareness
- Community Policing/Problem Solving
- Criminal Investigations
- Crime Scene Investigations
- Police Precision Driving (actually drive a police car)
- Firearms Safety
- Gang Awareness
- Police Ride-a-long
- And more topics.

Most classes are from 7:00-10:00 pm Thursday nights, although several daylong classes (electives) are taught on Saturdays. For more information and a detailed class itinerary call 545-3550 or go online at www.columbiapd.com/cpaa