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**RECRUITING 2009 CITIZENS ACADEMY CLASS**

***Go Behind the Scenes of the Criminal Justice System!***

“I leave the Academy with a true feeling of empowerment. I have learned so much about the criminal justice system. With that knowledge, I intend to educate the community in which I live.”

“I can’t say enough for the wonderful things I learned. I grew from it to be a better person in our community.”

“The Academy was insightful, comprehensive, and always interesting!! The speakers were professional, experienced, and truly cared about the work they do.”

“The Academy was excellent, fast-paced, informative, interactive, and fun!”

**Comments from Class of 2008 Citizens Academy Graduates**



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**Meet** your public safety leaders, officials, officers and experts

**Learn** about racial profiling, gang and hate crimes, in-car cameras, internal affairs, “three strikes” and more

**Lunch** with judges, tour the county jail and communication center and see a taser demonstration

**March 10, 2009, Sacramento, CA** - The Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office, the Sacramento Police Department and the Sacramento Sheriff’s Department are proud to announce its ninth Citizens Academy course.

In an effort to improve communication, relationships and provide a better understanding between ethnic and cultural communities and the criminal justice system, District Attorney Jan Scully formed the Citizens Academy. Since the start of the academy in 2002, there have been eight graduating classes with more than 340 participants.

In partnership with the Sacramento Police Department and Sacramento Sheriff’s Department, Jan Scully has brought this program to the community to provide an overview of the criminal justice system (law enforcement roles, responsibilities, and challenges) and to engage citizens from all backgrounds in communication, participation and mutual learning about issues within the criminal justice system. The course continues to make a great impact on multicultural and multi-ethnic sensitivity within the criminal justice community.

Representatives from the DA’s office, the judiciary, public defense, law enforcement, and community organizations answer community questions, address their concerns and demonstrate a commitment to building bridges between the criminal justice system and the various ethnic, racial and faith-based communities.

**The 10-week course begins Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., with opening comments from District Attorney Jan Scully, Chief of Police Rick Braziel, and Sheriff John McGinness.**

Classes will be held each Tuesday evening at the Sacramento Police Department headquarters at 5770 Freeport Boulevard. The course curriculum includes a police ride-along as well as field trips to the District Attorney’s Office, the Sacramento Superior Courthouse, and the Sacramento Police Department Communication Center and training facility.

Citizens Academy is sponsored by the District Attorney’s Office in partnership with the Sacramento Police Department and Sacramento Sheriff’s Department at no cost to participants. The deadline for submitting applications is March 27, 2009.

**To Apply:** Please contact Kelley Wilson from the Sacramento District Attorney’s Office at 916.874.6722 or [wilsonke@sacda.org](mailto:wilsonke@sacda.org) or visit:

For more information: <http://www.sacda.org/citizensacademy/index.htm>

For full brochure: [http://www.sacda.org/citizensacademy/PDFs/CA\\_09.pdf](http://www.sacda.org/citizensacademy/PDFs/CA_09.pdf)

For course outline: [http://www.sacda.org/citizensacademy/sched\\_outline.htm](http://www.sacda.org/citizensacademy/sched_outline.htm).