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## PRESS RELEASE

### Sumner Police Department's Citizen's Academy to Return

Sumner, WA—The Sumner Police Department is inviting citizens who live or work in Sumner to experience what it's like to be in law enforcement. The fifth-annual Citizens Academy gives individuals the chance to drive a patrol car, participate in weapons practice and even search for a "suspect." The Academy is held on Wednesday nights for 13 weeks, starting March 5 and is free of charge. The department is now accepting applications, available at City Hall or online at [www.ci.sumner.wa.us](http://www.ci.sumner.wa.us).

Said Police Chief John Galle, "For all of the images you see of police officers on TV and in movies, few provide an accurate picture of the demands and work we do everyday to help make our community safe. The Citizens Academy gives you an opportunity to meet the officers, dispatchers and others who protect and serve your community."

The course includes classes on criminal and civil law, firearms, patrol procedures, adult and juvenile court systems, 911 communications, crime prevention, domestic violence, narcotics, K9 demonstration, school violence, DARE program, bike patrol, Metro SWAT and emergency vehicle operations. There will also be a field trip to Remann Hall Juvenile Detention Facility.

Due to the limited space available, participants must commit to attend all sessions. Classes will be at the Sumner Police Department, 1104 Maple Street, except for the field trip to Remann Hall and the firearms and emergency vehicle operation practical. Class size is limited, so only those who register will be permitted to attend.

Applicants must be 18 years of age or a high school senior, live and/or work in the City of Sumner, have no felony convictions or outstanding warrants. All applicants are subject to a background check. Class notebooks and identification badges will be provided.

The Academy is coordinated by Communications Officer Pamela Mandery. Said Mandery, "The Academy gives you a chance to get to know the Police and find out what you can do every day to help us keep our community safe."

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