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BURLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT INTRODUCES CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

Burlington, NC – The Burlington Police Department is pleased to announce dates for its 4th session of the Citizens Police Academy. The Citizens Police Academy is designed to increase the community's understanding and awareness of the Burlington Police Department. The Academy, offered at no cost to interested individuals, is structured to include ten courses from 6:30-9:30pm over a two month period. A graduation ceremony will be held at the culmination of the Academy.

During the Academy, citizens will be exposed to diverse aspects of law-enforcement, as well as the day-to-day operations of the Burlington Police Department. Some activities that participants will experience include: an agency tour, overview of the criminal justice system, emergency dispatch, traffic and DWI enforcement, K-9 demonstrations, gang awareness, arrest procedures, and more. These activities have been structured to build trust in the Burlington Police Department through transparency with citizens. The Academy also aims to increase the level of communication between citizens and the Department as well as to provide education and insight to the community regarding law enforcement.

The fourth session of the Burlington Citizens Police Academy will be held from March 10th through May 19th, 2015. Interested individuals must be over 18 years old, must be willing to attend at least one three-hour course per week for ten weeks, and have no prior felony convictions or misdemeanors that would question the applicant's moral character. Applications will be accepted by email to gsimmons@ci.burlington.nc.us, by fax to (336) 229-3146, attention: Granville Simmons, by mail to P.O. Box 1358, Burlington, NC 27216, attention: Granville Simmons Citizens Police Academy, or in person at the Police Department Information Desk at 267 West Front Street in downtown Burlington. More information about the Academy may be obtained by contacting Outreach Specialist, Granville Simmons at (336) 570-6530 or Lieutenant Bret Currie at (336) 570-6630, or by visiting www.BurlingtonNC.gov/PDCitizensAcademy.

The Burlington Police Department is a CALEA-accredited agency dedicated to community-oriented policing. The department is structured with an Operations Bureau consisting of patrol, community relations, dispatch, traffic, DARE, reserve officers, and other specialized units and teams; and a Support Bureau, consisting of criminal investigations, special victims unit, animal

services, professional standards, crime analysis, police records, internal affairs, training, identification and other specialized units and services.

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