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RECRUITING 2014 CITIZENS ACADEMY CLASS

Meet your public safety leaders, officials, officers and experts

Learn about racial profiling, gang and hate crimes, in-car cameras, internal affairs, and the criminal justice system from the prospective of law enforcement, prosecutors, defense attorneys, judges and probation officers

Lunch with judges, tour the county jail and communication center, a canine and a Taser demonstration



2013 Graduates

The Sacramento County District Attorney's Office, the Sacramento Police Department and the Sacramento Sheriff's Department are proud to announce their 14th Citizens Academy.

District Attorney Jan Scully formed the Citizens Academy in an effort to improve communication, relationships, and provide a better understanding between ethnic and cultural communities and the criminal justice system. Since the start of the academy in 2002, there have been 13 graduating classes with more than 750 participants.

In partnership with the Sacramento Police Department and Sacramento Sheriff's Department, DA Scully 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 discussion, participation and mutual learning about issues within the criminal justice system.

Representatives from the DA's office, public defender's office, law enforcement, the judiciary, 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.

There is NO cost to participants. The 10-week course is held Tuesday evenings starting April 8, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Sacramento Police Department headquarters (5770 Freeport Blvd., Sacramento).

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The deadline for submitting applications is March 7, 2014

Print & Mail Forms: <http://www.sacda.org/community/ca/ca.app.php>

Brochure & Course Outline: http://www.sacda.org/assets/pdf/ca/CA_14.pdf

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Tentative 2014 Class Schedule & Topics:

Week 1: *"It Takes a Community"* What Concerned Citizens Can Do to Make Our Community a Better Place to Live.

Week 2: The Role & Challenges of the District Attorney: Anatomy of a Prosecution & Special Challenges for California Prosecutors

Week 3: Federal Criminal Justice System

Week 4: Victim-Sensitive Prosecutions

Week 5: Race as a Factor in the Criminal Justice System - Racial Profiling

Fieldtrip: Sacramento Police Department's Communications Center - Use of Force, Defense Training

Week 6: Role of Law Enforcement & Internal Affairs: *"To Serve & Protect"*

Weeks 7: The Hypothetical Case: Anatomy of a Criminal Case - From Offense, Investigation, Trial, Sentencing-*"The Big Picture"*

Week 8: Hot Topics in the Justice System - Realignment, Medical Marijuana & Dispensaries

Fieldtrip: District Attorney's Office, County Jail, Courts & Public Defender's Office

Week 9: Community Focus & Gangs

Week 10: Building Bridges & Partnerships: Community Policing, Community Participation - *"From Rhetoric to Reality - Where Do We Go From Here?"*