

CITY OF DORAL Office of the City Manager Letter to Council

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To: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Hernan M. Organvidez, City Manager

Date: September 22, 2022

Subject: Citizen's Police Academy #15

This Letter to Council is to inform the Mayor and City Council of the Police Department's upcoming Citizen's Police Academy #15. The purpose of this academy is to familiarize members of our community with the Police Department and its policies and procedures.

The Citizen's Police Academy is an informative learning process that provides an opportunity for citizens to receive eight (8) weeks of both classroom and field instruction regarding the various responsibilities of our officers. The attendees are also made aware of the procedures and techniques used by officers in a variety of scenarios, together with the rationale and justification in support of those procedures or techniques.

Class attendees receive information and instruction on issues such as use of force, defensive tactics, specialized units, criminal investigations, crime scene and evidence gathering techniques, demonstrations by the K-9 Unit, Mounted Patrol, and much more. Participants will also receive training in our Reality based situational training simulator, Vehicle Operations, Traffic Stops and Crime Scene Investigations. All of this is enhanced by the experience of a ride along with an officer on a scheduled shift. The Citizen's Police Academy starts on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, and will meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the City of Doral Police Training Center, 3719 Northwest 97 Avenue. A light dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. Class size is limited to no more than 25 attendees.

The Academy stresses a hands-on training program presented in a friendly atmosphere. Although graduates are not trained for police duty, they come away with an insider's look at what it is like to be a police officer in the City of Doral. Graduates possess a deeper understanding of crime prevention and investigative techniques, plus a greater respect for and understanding of the City of Doral Police Department and its operations.

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The Citizens' Police Academy is open to all who live or work in Doral. All applicants are required to sign a release of liability waiver form and are screened via a "records" background clearance check before they are accepted into the Academy. The graduation date for this academy class will be on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

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c: Hernan M. Organvidez, City Manager Rey Valdes, Deputy City Manager Raul M. Ubieta, Chief of Police