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# NEWS RELEASE

## **HPD Hosts 2013 Citizen Police Academy**

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The Harrisonburg Police Department is gearing up for the 2013 Citizen Police Academy.

Every year, the Department opens its doors to citizens within the community to learn about the various jobs and duties of the Harrisonburg Police Department.

Not only do the participants get more insight into HPD, they get hands-on experience in different scenarios that officers could potentially encounter. The academy will be held every Thursday at the Public Safety Building, 101 N. Main St. from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Classes will begin on March 7 and conclude May 2.

"I look forward to continuing the tradition of opening the Department to our citizens. This is part of our ongoing effort to strengthen community partnerships and encourage proactive involvement in keeping our neighborhoods safe," said Harrisonburg Police Chief Stephen P. Monticelli.

Applications can be found on HPD's website [www.harrisonburgva.gov/police](http://www.harrisonburgva.gov/police) and should be turned in to HPD by Friday, February 22.

Anyone with questions, who is interested in participating, may call Officer Rachel Hammer at 540-437-2672.

**Note to media:** Due to the application deadline, if you could put this information out as soon as possible it would be greatly appreciated.

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