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The Burleson Police Department added 20 names to its roster as the 2008 Citizens Police Academy class recently graduated.

The graduates include Maria Hicks, Chris Hendrick, Jerri McCallum, Deborah Reece, Linda Brasher, Patty Smith, Carolyn Carminati-Mitchell, Lana Tadsen, Janet Whitten, Manuel Trevino, Rachel Valdez, Rebecca Byrd, Sam Ferrara, Rusty Reece, Joseph Hallmark, Daniel Luper, David Sinzinger, Keith Kelly, Dennis Burke, and Billy Ayars.

The free 10-week course is open to men and women who are at least 18 years old. The graduates have to submit a written application, waiver form, and a form giving consent for a criminal record search. Citizens Police Academy is taught during the summer. Sgt. Brian O'Heren will be the coordinator for the 2009 class.

The graduates learned about the history of law enforcement; the recruiting and hiring process; laws of arrest, search and seizure; use of force; special response teams; law



Maria Hicks, Chris Hendrick, Jerri McCallum, Deborah Reece, Linda Brasher; (second row) Patty Smith, Carolyn Carminati-Mitchell, Lana Tadsen, Janet Whitten, Manuel Trevino, Rachel Valdez, Rebecca Byrd and Dist. 58 State Rep. Rob Orr; (back row) Police Chief Tom Cowan, Sgt. Brian O'Heren, Sam Ferrara, Rusty Reece, Joseph Hallmark, Daniel Luper, David Sinzinger, Keith Kelly, Dennis Burke, Billy Ayars and CPA Coordinator Jerrv Strindger.

enforcement communications systems; the effects of alcohol on the body; DWI enforcement; evidence identification and collection; criminal investigations; patrol procedures; traffic enforcement; victims assistance; child abuse investigation; juvenile procedures; and internal affairs. Graduates also had the option of riding up to eight hours with an on-duty patrol officer or observing the internal workings of the department's telecommunications division.

Check the City's web site at www.burlesontx.com for news about future CPA classes. For more information about this release, call the

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