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The Burleson Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association is hosting a fundraiser for the police department's bike unit on Sunday, June 24, at Pier 35 Restaurant in Burleson. The event is 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Ten percent from the total lunch and dinner sales (before taxes and excluding alcohol) will be donated to the bike fund. The money will be used to purchase new bikes for the newly expanded bike unit. Pier 35 is located at 950 N. Burleson Blvd.

The Bike Unit has been part of the Burleson Police Department's patrol division for more than 10 years. Officers go through a 40-hour training program to be certified as bike officers. In April 2000, two new bicycles were donated by the Burleson Rotary Club and United Cooperative Services. Walmart donated bike racks for the patrol cars. Since then, the bike unit has expanded to include more than 10 officers. The unit currently has six bikes.

Those who have attended the Hot Sounds of Summer Concert series in Old Town this month have seen the bike officers patrolling. Bike officers can go places that police cars can not – highly populated areas, businesses, parks, neighborhoods, ball fields, and special events. The bikes are also used to maneuver down trails and wooded areas and through alleys.

The Burleson Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association is a qualified 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed by the graduates of the Burleson Citizens Police Academy. The purpose of the association is to raise money to provide funding for equipment and other needs of the Burleson Police Department. The association exists independent of the police department and is governed by an elected board of directors.