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What does it take to work in law enforcement? Find out this summer when the Burleson Police Department hosts the free 10-week Citizens Police Academy.

The academy begins June 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the police department, 225 W. Renfro St. The academy is every Thursday, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., with the exception of July 4. Graduation is Aug. 15. Class is limited to 25 students.

One police officer serves as coordinator for the academy but speakers from throughout the department share their expertise. Occasionally instructors are brought in from outside the department as well. The topics include the department's organization, recruiting process, Texas Penal Code, criminal investigations, search and seizure, building searches, traffic law enforcement, narcotics investigation, SWAT, patrol procedures, and more. The classes are as "hands on" as possible. Instructors demonstrate techniques used to search a building for an intruder, then participants practice what they've learned. Participants also solve a homicide scenario by identifying evidence, using investigative techniques, and interviewing witnesses. Students ride along with an officer or monitor the communications office.

The basic information, application, waiver and consent for criminal history check forms are available at www.burlesontx.com/citizenspoliceacademy, city hall, and at the police department. Return the forms by June 3. The academy is open to men and women, 18 or older. For more information, contact Sgt. Brian O'Heren at 817-426-9881 or boheren@burlesontx.com.