

**MARTINEZ POLICE DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE
COMMUNITY POLICE ACADEMY ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Martinez Police Department is excited to offer their second Community Police Academy. The 10 week Academy is an engaging and informative program designed to increase understanding of the Police Department's operations and to allow community members the opportunity to interact with our outstanding personnel. Topics covered will include SWAT, K9 Program, Dispatch, narcotics, traffic laws, firearms, detective investigations, and much more.

The Community Police Academy is not designed to prepare students to become police officers, but will give the students a better understanding of how the Police Department is organized, the services we provide, and how we serve the community. Our goal is for participants to have a better understanding of what the police do and why, and improve communications and partnerships between the public and our organization.

The Community Police Academy is a 10 week long program beginning Monday February 27, 2017. Classes will meet on Monday nights from 6:00-9:00 PM at Martinez City Hall. Prospective participants for the Community Academy must be at least 18 years old, have no felony convictions, outstanding warrants, or pending criminal cases, and first consideration will be given to citizens who live and work in the City of Martinez.

If you are interested in joining the Community Academy, submit an application today. Application forms are available at the Police Department, 525 Henrietta St., by mail on request, or through the City of Martinez website. Completed applications must be returned to the Martinez Police Department via email (fferrer@cityofmartinez.org), mail (Martinez Police Department, ATTN: Sergeant Fred Ferrer, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, CA 94553) or personally delivered to the front desk of the department. All applicants will be required to submit to a criminal background check before acceptance.

For further information, please contact Sergeant Fred Ferrer at 925-372-3446 or fferrer@cityofmartinez.org.

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