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**REGISTRATION OPEN FOR BURNSVILLE POLICE CITIZENS ACADEMY**

*Academy to be held Sept. 10 – Nov. 19*

Residents are invited to get a behind-the-scenes look at the workings of the Burnsville Police Department during its annual Citizens Academy. This 11-week program is designed to offer residents a hands-on opportunity to see what it's like to be a police officer.

**What:** Burnsville Police Citizens Academy  
**Who:** Adults 18+ who live or work in Burnsville  
**When:** Thursday nights, Sept. 10 – Nov. 19  
**Where:** Burnsville City Hall, 100 Civic Center Parkway  
**Cost:** FREE

Participants will have the opportunity to take part in interactive scenarios, see what it's like to be behind the wheel of an emergency vehicle, participate in mock police responses, test their skills at the indoor shooting range and take part in a Taser demonstration.

Topics covered will include:

- The history and tour of the police department
- Review of common police calls, laws of arrest, handcuffing procedures, use of force and officer survival
- Functions of patrol, investigations, SWAT, physical evidence team, domestic abuse response team, negotiators, bike patrol, traffic and K-9 units
- Traffic stops and DWI demonstration

The academy classes are taught by Burnsville Police Officers. After successful completion of this program, participants will have an opportunity to ride-along with a Burnsville Police Officer for four hours during their shift.

*Registration is open online at [www.burnsville.org/citizensacademy](http://www.burnsville.org/citizensacademy). Registration deadline is Aug. 11, 2015 or until the class is full. The academy class is limited to 24 participants.*