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INFORMATION RELEASE

SHERIFF'S CITIZENS ACADEMY SET TO BEGIN

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The average person views law enforcement personnel in a singular role, such as issuing traffic tickets or arresting criminals. Very few have been exposed to the training required to become a Deputy Sheriff, Correctional Officer, Investigator, Coroner Investigator, S.W.A.T member, Custody Response Team Member, Evidence Technician, K-9 Handler or participate in practical exercises such as shoot/don't shoot scenarios, on a field training simulator. Your chance is back!

Solano County Sheriff Gary R. Stanton is once again proud to present the Sheriff's Citizens' Academy 2008. The academy reinstated just last year was a phenomenal success. During the academy, attendees will get a view of who we are, how we operate, and what services the Sheriff's Office provides. Citizen's academies do much to foster a mutual trust between law enforcement and the residents they serve. This academy consists of a nine week curriculum and is set to begin on Sept 17, 2008, with the class scheduled to graduate on November 12, 2008. Class will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. with three Saturday daytime sessions. Academy classes are taught by specially selected "experts in the field." The classes are held at the Sheriff's Office or the Sheriff's Training Center, with field trips to other Sheriff's facilities throughout the course.

We are confident that our extensive curriculum consisting of class time instruction and dynamic hands on scenarios will prove both interesting and exciting. The academy will allow citizens to receive an in-depth look into the many facets of the Sheriff's Office, and to understand our commitment to the motto "Dedicated to Community Service." The goal of this program is to not convert citizens into law enforcement personnel, but to present in a manner which will dispel public misunderstandings and promote valuable and lasting relationships. The main "message" for participants is that law enforcement personnel are dedicated professional public servants, whose concern for the people they serve is at the heart of everything they do.

Sheriff Gary R. Stanton and Undersheriff Thomas A. Ferrara will be on hand to meet and welcome participants on the first evening. The location will be at the Sheriff's Office located at 530 Union Ave in the city of Fairfield. Applications may be picked up at this location or found online at www.solanocounty.com/sheriff. Applications must be received no later than September 5, 2008. The class size is limited to 25 participants and all applicants must be a minimum of 18 years of age. Participants may be residents of any city within Solano County. A \$25 fee must be submitted with the application. All participants will receive a polo shirt to be worn during class, a coffee mug and a certificate of graduation. For more information regarding the academy, please contact Sheriff's Citizens' Academy Coordinator, Sgt. Walt Gilliam at 707-421-7507.