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Citizens Police Academy Now Accepting Applications

SEGUIN, Texas – Residents who want to gain a better understanding about the Seguin Police Department will soon have the opportunity. Applications are currently being accepted for the 2015 Citizens Police Academy.

The academy will teach citizens how police officers, telecommunication staff and support personnel protect citizens and prevent crime. Students will interact with the Chief of Police, patrol officers, narcotics investigators, detectives, telecommunication staff and K-9 units. Police personnel will provide instruction in ethics, communications, narcotics, officer safety, patrol, traffic stops, DWI, use of force, handcuffing, building searches and SWAT activities.

A tour of Juvenile Probation Center and the Guadalupe County Jail will take place during the academy. The final class will include a trip to the gun range, providing students with an opportunity to learn gun safety as well as the basics of firing weapons. Upon completion of all classes, students will participate in a graduation ceremony and will be awarded certificates.

The annual ten-week academy starts Wednesday, March 25 at 6pm in the main classroom on the first floor of the Seguin Police Department. Each class will run approximately three hours.

Applications are available on the second floor of the Police Department and on the police department page of the City of Seguin website, www.seguintexas.gov. Applications are due no later than March 20. All applicants will undergo a background check prior to the start of class. Applicants may not be high school students and must be older than 18.

For more information on the academy, contact Officer Willie Ybarra at 401-2360.

About the City of Seguin

Seguin, Texas is located along Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational and employment opportunities. Seguin's robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts, an engine manufacture and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2014, Seguin was proud to be selected by Siro Group USA as the future home of the company's North American manufacturing facility.

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