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## **SPD Citizens' Police Academy Registration Underway**

***Application Deadline is March 14***

**SEGUIN, Texas** – Residents who want to gain a better understanding about the Seguin Police Department will have the chance later this month. The 2014 Seguin Citizens' Police Academy is currently accepting applications.

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 ten week academy starts Wednesday, March 19 at 6pm in the main classroom on the first floor of the Seguin Police Department. Each class will run about 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. Applications are due no later than March 14. 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 off on 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 and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2009, Seguin was proud to be selected by Caterpillar as the site of a major new engine manufacturing facility.

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