## **PRESS RELEASE**



The City of Oakwood 30 Park Avenue Oakwood, Ohio 45419

Subject: Citizen Police Academy

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## OAKWOOD, OHIO:

The Oakwood Public Safety Department is excited to announce that we are accepting applications for our 2024 Citizen Police Academy (CPA), September 4, 2024 through November 6, 2024. The CPA will consist of a ten-week curriculum educating the participants about the functions of the Oakwood Public Safety Department. Classes will be held from 6:30pm to 8:45pm every Wednesday starting September 4, at the City Building, 30 Park Avenue.

Representatives from the Oakwood Safety Department will instruct a different subject each week with the goal creating greater understanding of modern policing and its challenges, and an introduction to fire prevention. Topics to be covered include: Safety Department Orientation, Patrol Operations, Traffic Enforcement, Use of Force, Evidence Collection, and Fire Prevention / Education.

The CPA is free of charge, and class size is limited to the first 12 applicants. Applications will be processed as they are received. Applicants must be an Oakwood resident or employed in the city of Oakwood, at least 21 years of age and pass a limited background check. Automatic disqualifying criteria would include any prior felony conviction, sex-related offense, or conviction for a defined misdemeanor crime of violence.

Chief Alan Hill stated, "The purpose of this program is to create a unique opportunity for citizens to better understand the job of a public safety officer and also serve as a way for Safety Department personnel to hear the needs and expectations of the community."

Applications can be obtained at the Safety Department or on the city's website, <u>www.oakwoodohio.gov</u>. The deadline to register is August 2.

For additional information about the CPA, please contact Lieutenant Damian Baggett at (937) 298-2122.

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