



# COTTONWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Cottonwood Police Department announces the Citizen Police Academy for 2016.**

The Cottonwood Police Department is now accepting applications for the Fall 2016 Citizen Police Academy. The Citizens Academy is a 10-week program designed to help Cottonwood residents increase their understanding of how the Police Department works within the community. The participants in the Citizens Academy have the opportunity to meet and learn about the men and women who are protecting their community. They are also given insight into the daily decisions the officers must make and the reasons behind those decisions.

The academy includes courses on patrol operations, K-9, SWAT, proactive policing, drugs, use of force, and other topics. The classes are taught by CWPDP personnel. There will also be tours of the Cottonwood Police Department and the opportunity to ride with an officer on patrol.

Citizens eligible to apply for the Academy must be 18 or older, and live and/or work in Cottonwood. Participation in the Academy includes a commitment to attend all the training sessions. The Citizen Police Academy is scheduled to start on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. The classes will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Cottonwood Public Safety Building, 199 S 6<sup>th</sup> Street, in Cottonwood. There will be ten weeks of instruction with a culmination dinner on November 10<sup>th</sup>, the eleventh week. There is no cost to participate in the Citizens Academy.

Applications can be obtained in the front lobby of the Cottonwood Police Department between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mon-Fri. The class is filled on a first come first served basis.

For more information call Sergeant Cody Savage at 928-634-4246 ext. 133