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**Press Release**

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Narrative:

The Bristol Tennessee Police Department is accepting applications for the upcoming Citizens' Police Academy. The Citizens' Police Academy will begin on April 4, 2016 and meet on Monday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. through June 13<sup>th</sup>. All classes will be held at the Slater Community Center located at 325 McDowell St. Bristol, TN. The Citizens' Police Academy is aimed at providing area residents with an inside look at the operations and services of the police department as well as fostering a better working relationship between the Department and the public. The program includes classroom instruction, exciting hands-on training and a graduation ceremony.

The class costs \$50.00 and is open to interested area residents.

During this course, Officers from the Department will instruct citizens in several areas including Law, Crime Prevention, Patrol, Investigations, Defensive Tactics, SWAT, Traffic, and Firearms training. The Academy is not designed to make participants certified police officers, nor does it give the graduates authority to act as police officers. The focus of the curriculum is to provide an informative overview of the fundamentals of police operations. This two-way communication will certainly be an effective and successful way to build a partnership between the community and the police department.

Applications may be found on the city's website at [www.bristoltn.org](http://www.bristoltn.org).

For further information, please contact Nathan Greene, Community Programs Officer at (423)989-3647 or [ngreene@bristoltn.org](mailto:ngreene@bristoltn.org).

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