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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Apply now to the El Monte Police Citizen's Academy**

The El Monte Police Citizen's Police Academy Class #31 will begin March 10, 2008. Classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, during this exciting 9-week program designed to promote citizen interaction and give an in-depth behind the scene look at the day-to-day functions of the El Monte Police Department. Offered FREE of charge, this exciting program is taught by police trainers, veteran officers and volunteers who present interesting hands-on demonstrations and exciting interactive scenarios including Criminal Law, Community Relations, CSI Lab, Detective Bureau, Dispatch, Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, DUI, Explorer Program, Gangs, Police K-9's, Mounted Unit, and Volunteer Program. There will also be presentations by Narcotics, School Programs, Patrol, Public Oriented Policing, Selection and Training of Personnel, SERT Team, Shooting Range and Simulator (that shoots back!), SIT Team, Stress Factors, Traffic Unit, Transients and Homeless, and Use of Force. Participants will also have the opportunity to participate in a Police ride-along, undercover field trip as they meet and interact with police officers to gain a unique perspective on law enforcement.

The Citizen's Academy involves opening up the Police Department to the public, and showing citizens exactly what they do and how they do it. As a result graduates are better equipped to assess safety issues, and share with others their knowledge of law enforcement practices and policies. The City of El Monte has a commitment to the community and proactive problem solving. The Citizen's Academy is an effective way of bringing law enforcement and you, the public, together in an informal, educational, hands-on forum. The benefits of such a partnership will be a greater awareness and understanding of law enforcement's role in the community through the education that can only help strengthen the entire community in terms of public safety and quality of life.

For more information or to request an application, please call Coordinator Jack Wills at (626) 580-2141. Class size is limited so don't delay.

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