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Burlington Police Department to offer City's first Spanish language Community Academy

BURLINGTON, NC— The Burlington Police Department has offered Police Citizen Academy's for 5 years. The 2019 spring Police Community Academy will be the first that is done in all Spanish language.

Police staff has designed this academy to include all the same information and materials that the previous academies have included, only to be delivered in Spanish. The Academy is being administered by English and Spanish speaking Burlington Police Officers and staff.

The Community Police Academy is designed to increase the community's understanding and awareness of the Burlington Police Department. The Academy, offered at no cost to interested individuals, is structured to include eleven courses from 6:30-9:30pm on Tuesday nights starting February 26. A graduation ceremony will be held at the culmination of the Academy.

During the Academy, citizens will be exposed to diverse aspects of law-enforcement, as well as the day-to-day operations of the Burlington Police Department. Some activities that participants will experience include: an agency tour, overview of the criminal justice system, emergency dispatch, traffic and DWI enforcement, K-9 demonstrations, gang awareness, arrest procedures, and more. These activities have been structured to build trust in the Burlington Police Department through transparency with citizens. The Academy also aims to increase the level of communication between citizens and the Department as well as to provide education and insight to the community regarding law enforcement.

The Community Academy is structured to conduct ten classes and an additional evening graduation session to honor participants who complete the academy. Each class will be held at the police department; there will be at least one Saturday session that will be held at the Burlington Police/ Fire Training Center. To participate you must be 18 years of age and you

cannot have any prior felony or misdemeanor convictions that question the moral character of the applicant.

The next English language Community Academy will be held in the Fall of 2019. Applications are currently being accepted for this session as well.

Interested individuals can apply online at www.BurlingtonNC.gov/CommunityAcademy or in person at the Police Department Information Desk at 267 West Front Street in downtown Burlington. More information about the Academy may be obtained by contacting Outreach Specialist, Granville Simmons at (336) 570-6530 or Lieutenant Mark Yancey at (336) 570-6630.

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“The Burlington Police Department is committed to improving the quality of life, in partnership with our community, through fair and professional police services.”

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