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### OCEAN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The Ocean City Police Department is currently accepting applications for the 2010 Citizens Police Academy. The Citizens Police Academy begins classes on September 7, 2010 from 7 to 10 p.m., and continues every Tuesday for 10 weeks.

The Ocean City Police Department has been offering the citizens of Ocean City the unique opportunity to see the inner workings of our police department for nearly 12 years. The Citizens Police Academy was created to enable citizens to learn more about the Ocean City Police Department and build the relationship between the police and the community.

During this course, students meet a variety of officers to learn about criminal law, traffic enforcement, evidence collection, firearms, arrest procedures, narcotics enforcement and many other topics. Students also participate in practical scenarios, which afford citizens hands-on opportunity to understand various law enforcement applications.

“Educating citizens about their police department and illegal activity in their community is one of the best forms of crime prevention,” Said OCPD Chief Bernadette DiPino.

The Citizens Police Academy has a limited class size of 25 participants. Interested persons must complete a written application and give permission for the Ocean City Police Department to conduct a background check to determine if they have a criminal record. For more information about the Citizens Police Academy or to receive an application, please contact the OCPD Public Affairs Office at 410.520.5395.



Pictured Above: Chief Bernadette A. DiPino joins the 26<sup>th</sup> Class of the Citizen's Police Academy on graduation night

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