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Citizen's Police Academy kicks off August 14

The Springfield Police Department will kick off the 2013 Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, August 14, at the Springfield Regional Police and Fire Training Center, 2620 W. Battlefield.

Twenty-four students from various backgrounds have been selected to begin the 11-week CPA, and classes are held one evening per week for approximately three hours. Topics covered in the academy will include crime scene processing, investigations, narcotics and gang investigations, defensive tactics, use of firearms, and traffic/DWI enforcement. The group will also participate in two field trips. One will be to the SPD range and the other will include tours of the Springfield/Greene County 911 Emergency Communications Center, the SPD Headquarters, the SPD's South District Station, and the Springfield Regional Police and Fire Training Center. The purpose of the academy is to provide citizens with a better understanding of how the police department operates in order to keep the community safe.

The SPD hosts one CPA per year and scheduling for [next year's class](#) will begin during the first quarter of 2014.

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