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## ANN ARBOR CITIZENS' POLICE AND COURT ACADEMY NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

**Application deadline is 5 p.m. on Friday, April 4, 2008**

ANN ARBOR, Mich. – March. 20, 2008 – Citizens often wish they had a better way to voice concerns and ask questions about the criminal justice system. In turn, Ann Arbor Police Officers and the 15<sup>th</sup> District Court members wish the public had a better understanding of the challenges facing Police Officers, Prosecuting Attorneys, Defense Attorneys and Judges. These wishes can become a reality for participants of the Ann Arbor Citizens' Police and Court Academy, which aims to teach citizens about the criminal justice system.

First of its kind in the state of Michigan, the Ann Arbor Citizens' Police and Court Academy provides a mechanism for educating the public about the criminal justice system and ways to resist and prevent crime. It also provides a two-way communication between citizens, Police Officers, Attorneys and Judges in the 15<sup>th</sup> District Court.

The Citizens' Police and Court Academy is a 10-week program that will be held at the Ann Arbor Police Department at City Hall, Washtenaw Community College and the 15<sup>th</sup> District Court. Classes are held once a week from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. beginning on April 15 and ending on June 17, 2008. Class size is limited. Topics covered will include: Police and 15<sup>th</sup> District Court organizational structure; K-9 Unit; Special Tactics Unit; Crime Scene Investigations; LAWNET; Communications Unit (911); Firearms (F.A.T.S.); Special Investigations Unit; Traffic Stop Scenarios; Emergency Management; Polygraph Testing; The Criminal Justice System; Court Processes; and Court Programs.

For more information about this program or to download an application, visit the City of Ann Arbor website at [www.a2gov.org](http://www.a2gov.org) or call Program Coordinator Adele El-Ayoubi with the Ann Arbor Police Department at (734) 994-8775. **All applications are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 4, 2008.** A background review will be conducted on all applicants who will be notified if accepted into the program.

*Ann Arbor has 114,000 residents, spans 27.7 square miles, and was named one of the top 25 U.S. cities to live in by CNN/Money Magazine in 2006 as well as the third smartest city in the U.S. by Forbes Magazine. The City's mission statement reads: The city of Ann Arbor is committed to providing excellent municipal services that enhance the quality of life for all through the intelligent use of resources while valuing an open environment that fosters, fair, sensitive and respectful treatment of all employees and the community we serve.*

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