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The Onalaska Police Department has announced that they will hold a Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) in April of 2013. This popular program designed to demystify police work and facilitate a partnership between the citizenry and the Officers.

"Reinitiating the CPA has been a goal of my from the beginning," said Onalaska Police Chief Jeffrey Trotnic, "I firmly believe that a working partnership between the citizens and the Police is our first and best defense against crime."

Covering topics ranging from Crime Scene Investigations to Defense and Arrest Tactics (DAAT) the CPA lasts for 10 weeks and will be held primarily at the Onalaska Police Department but will include field trips to the Jail and the shooting range. Heading up the CPA is Onalaska Sergeant Jasson Jobe.

"We are still in the process of finalizing the syllabus," said Sergeant Jobe, "and we have a set a start date of April 3rd. We plan to start accepting applications March 5, 2013.

Applications are available on the City of Onalaska website in the Police Department section. Just scroll to the bottom and click on the link titled CPA Application. Forms are also available at the front desk of the Police Department."

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The instructors for the CPA will be drawn from subject matter experts at the Onalaska Police Department, La Crosse County Sheriff and staff members from the Jail and Dispatch.

"This is a very informative program," said Sergeant Jobe, "and while it does require a time commitment from the participants I believe people will find it well worth the effort."

Class will be limited in size so interested citizens are urged to apply early once the application process opens.

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