COUNTY OF YOLO

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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Yolo County District Attorney's
Citizens Academy

Summary of Classes
in partnership with

Yolo County Sheriff's Office
Davis Police Department
Woodland Police Department
West Sacramento Police Department
Winters Police Department
Yolo County Probation Department

SPRING 2012
Thursdays, 6-8 PM

Week One: 5/3/12

Welcome: Introduction on *Citizens Academy* and "*It Takes a Community…*" What can a concerned citizen do to make our community a better place to live?

Summary: Welcome to ***Citizens Academy*** with an overview of the next eight weeks and the participating agencies.

Speakers:

Introduction and Overview of the Academy, Mission & Welcoming Remarks
District Attorney Jeff Reisig

Welcoming Remarks
Yolo County Sheriff Ed Prieto
Yolo County Probation Department Chief Marjorie Rist
Davis Police Department Chief Landy Black
Winters Police Department Chief Sergio Gutierrez
Woodland Police Department Chief Dan Bellini

The Judiciary and the Grand Jury
Yolo County Superior Court Assistant Presiding Judge Steven Basha
Grand Jury Foreperson

Overview of Public Safety Agencies
District Attorney's Office Representative
Yolo County Sheriff's Office Representative
Local Law Enforcement Representatives
Yolo County Probation Department Representative

Week Two: 5/10/12

The Role of the District Attorney and Challenges: "Law & Order"

Summary: While prime time television shows such as "*Law & Order*" capture ratings and audiences, they fail to show the day-to-day work of the District Attorney. We will provide an overview of the District Attorney's Office and its Mission: *Justice Finds No Solace in Delay*. Learn about the various units in the office, filing decisions, case resolutions and challenges facing prosecutors today.

Speakers:

Intake, Filings, and Case Resolutions
Yolo County District Attorney Representative

Juvenile Cases –Remands, Direct File Cases
Yolo County District Attorney Representative

Week Three: Federal Criminal Justice System
5/17/12

Summary: We will be focusing on the federal system of justice and how it differs from the state system. How is it decided whether a case is prosecuted federally or in state court? How do judges learn how to be a judge? What types of crime do the FBI investigate?

Speakers:
United States District Judge Kimberly J. Mueller
United States Attorney's Office: U.S. Attorney Representative
Federal Bureau of Investigations: FBI Representative

Week Four: Special Challenges of Prosecution --- Three Strikes; Special
5/24/12 Circumstances; 10/20/Life; Domestic Violence and Victim Services Division

Summary: What are some of the unique challenges faced by the District Attorney's Office? How are Three Strikes cases decided? How do we handle Domestic Violence cases? What are the rights of victims and Proposition 9? We will talk about these issues and the services we offer victims.

Speakers:
Director of Victim Services Program Manager Laura Valdes
Yolo County District Attorney Representatives

Week Five: Race as a Factor in the Criminal Justice System
5/31/12

***Summary*:** The issue of race continues to be raised on complex issues such as racial profiling. Learn about law enforcement training on racial profiling and efforts to open lines of communication between law enforcement and the communities they serve. The commission addressing racial profiling, a study on patrol stops and relevance of race in prosecution will be discussed.

Speakers:
<u>Law Enforcement Representatives</u>

<u>District Attorney's Office</u>
Chief Deputy District Attorney Jonathan Raven

Week Six: 6/7/12 **Role of Law Enforcement and Internal Affairs: *"To Serve and Protect"***

Summary: Over the years, the role of law enforcement has expanded to meet the changing and growing needs of the community. We will discuss with police and sheriff representatives the roles and perspectives of law enforcement, the Reviews Boards, and the District Attorney's role, as well as outreach to the diverse communities. Internal Affairs representatives will discuss their role, departments and process.

Speakers:
Panel Discussion on Internal Affairs and the Review Process

Overview of Internal Affairs
Law Enforcement Representatives
Davis Police Department Lt. Colleen Turay

District Attorney's Office
DA Chief Investigator

Review Boards
Inspector General—Speaker TBA
Bob Aaronson – Independent Police Ombudsman, City of Davis

Week Seven: 6/14/12 **Community Focus and Gangs**

***Summary*:** There is much more to the criminal justice system than the high profile cases we see on television or read about in the newspaper. Learn about a special unit which focuses on street gangs. What constitutes a gang? Who are the members? What does it mean to be a "gang" member? What can communities do to help prevent this problem and combat it today? These are a few of the issues to be addressed.

Speakers:
Yolo County District Attorney Representative
Local Law Enforcement Representatives from Gang Task Force
Davis Police Department Officer Keirith Briesenick
Woodland Police Department Gang Expert

Week Eight: 6/21/12 **Building Bridges and Partnerships: Community Policing, and Community Participation – "*From Rhetoric to Reality – Where do We Go from Here?*"**

Graduation

Summary: Reflections on the first nine weeks and a look forward to continue the dialogue. Closing remarks on community involvement and participation to achieve long-term public safety solutions and strategies. Graduation reception and ceremony.

Speakers:
District Attorney Jeff Reisig
Yolo County Sheriff Ed Prieto
Davis Police Department Chief Landy Black
Winters Police Department Chief Sergio Gutierrez
Woodland Police Department Chief Dan Bellini