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Yolo County District Attorney Citizens Academy

(Woodland, CA) – March 1, 2013 - District Attorney Jeff Reisig announces the second annual Yolo County District Attorney Citizens Academy which is sponsored by the Yolo County District Attorney's Office in cooperation with the Yolo County Sheriff's Office, the Davis Police Department, the West Sacramento Police Department, the Yolo County Probation Department, the Winters Police Department and the Woodland Police Department.

The Citizen's Academy is a 10-week course designed to involve diverse communities in participating in mutual learning about the criminal justice system. The goal is to educate the public and improve relationships and communication between the many different communities in Yolo County and the criminal justice system.

Scheduled topics will include: the role of the District Attorney; the role of law enforcement, including Internal Affairs and Review Boards; special challenges of prosecution, including Three Strikes and Domestic Violence; race as a factor in the criminal justice system; juvenile law; and Gangs.

Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig stated that "The Academy provides a comprehensive look at the criminal justice system in Yolo County. Together we will explore how the system interplays with our communities from West Sacramento to the rural areas." Reisig continued, "I think participants will be educated, enlightened and entertained."

The Academy will meet every Thursday starting on April 11, 2013, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. for 10 weeks at the Yolo County Sheriff's Office. To enroll please contact Wendy Wilcox at (530) 666-8356, <u>wendy.wilcox@yolocounty.org</u> or log on to <u>www.yoloda.org</u> for more information. The class is limited to 20 participants and the application deadline is March 21, 2013.