

Police Accepting Applications for Citizens' Police Academy

The Police Department is accepting applications for the spring session of the Citizens' Police Academy, which will start April 13, 2004.

The Citizens' Police Academy is designed to increase community support and awareness about police operations by making citizens aware of the administrative philosophy, internal policies and guidelines, and principles of law and ethical conduct that govern the delivery of police services within our community.

The Citizens' Police Academy curriculum is an abbreviated version of recruit training for new police officers. Citizens graduate with a better understanding of police officer training and decision-making, and day-to-day police operations.

The Citizens' Police Academy will provide 36 hours of classroom instruction. Students can supplement their classroom training by riding with police officers on patrol.

The Citizens' Police Academy will meet from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings for 12 weeks, starting April 13, 2004 and graduating July 6, 2004. Classes will be held at the Public Safety Center, 725 N. Cherry St., Winston-Salem. Enrollment is open to any citizen 18 years of age or older who resides or works in Winston-Salem. Anyone interested in attending the Citizens' Police Academy may call the Winston-Salem Police Department Recruiting Unit for an application at 773-7925, or E-mail their request for an application to recruit@wspd.org. The class will be limited to 30 students. Applications must be submitted by January 23.

The Winston-Salem Police Department is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.

WATCHFUL NETWORK TO CELEBRATE 9TH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH BUSINESS EXPO

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In today's ever-changing market place, we must take a more business minded approach towards investing in and building our community by realizing the power of our economic wealth. We can build our community by perpetually supporting one another in business through networking. The Black History Month Business Expo goal is to promote businesses in the community as a viable resource center. It is intended to give people an opportunity to learn about the products and services that are readily available to them on a daily basis. Vice President, Ronnie Keith says: "I believe that we must perpetually support one another in business." Secretary, Luther T Falls, Jr. Says: "The time is here to work together to establish our economic base for the welfare of the entire community."

The Watchful Network, Inc. Was founded in October 1994 through the determination of a group of professionals to build an alliance amongst black business owners and the community through networking.

It is estimated that African Americans now earn in excess of 600 billion dollars annually, yet we only spend 5 percent of our income with black business owners; ninety-five percent is spent elsewhere.

In order for African Americans to compete economically in the 21st century, we must invest in and build our community. Other ethnic groups turn their money over a multitude of times. The problem with us is not racism as much as the lack of economic organization. Cultural unity and economic development through faith will be the only force that will free us.

The Watchful Network, Inc. Sponsor activities such as the Black History Month Expo, held annually.

The Business Owners Roundup is held each quarter to ensure that our members and guests stay in contact throughout the year. Information is shared and business and networking is available.

The Spirit of Unity Luncheon is held to promote interaction between business people and the clergy of various religious backgrounds. Topics of discussion include the welfare of the community.

Additional Activities consist of

- Motivational Seminars
- Health and Nutrition Workshops
- Business Development Workshops
- Monthly Open Membership Meetings
- Watchful News Business TV Talk Show
- Community Service involvement
- Business Think Tank
- Dining Theatre Style

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