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inston-Salem Police Department announced a program last week that it hopes will give the residents it protects and serves a bet-ter understanding of the way the department operates.

Following the lead of cities like Greensboro, the department will begin its first Citizens Police Academy (CPA) in September. The academy – which will be held each Tuesday for three hours for 12 weeks – will give everyday citizens unparalleled ne day-to-day operations of the depart-partment guidelines and procedures to ics. The academy will also give citizens upplement some of the classroom trainon lessons in firing live weapons and

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osen by Police Chief Linda Davis to A. He said he believes the program will down some of the walls between the nd the residents they are charged with

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Photos by Kevin Walker The graduates pose with their trophies last week at Winston Lake Golf Course.

Heart of a 'Tiger'

Johnson's golf clinic graduates largest class of youngsters yet

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

The most recent graduates of a summer golf clinic started by a City-County School Board member got their send off in un-golf-like weather rain clouds played hide and seek in dreary skies and winds circulated an unseasonable

About 70 young people gathered under a picnic shelter at Winston Lake Golf Course to receive congratulatory words, certificates of

completion and eye-catching

The young people – many of whom live in public housing communities throughout the city – made up the fourth consecutive clinic Victor Johnson has spearheaded. The clinics have grown in size and scope over the years. The mission of the clinic - giving young people a unique opportunity to learn a game that is foreign to them during their summer down time

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Victor Johnson thanks the young people for their hard work and dedication during the clinic.

Another black chosen to lead N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers

BY CHERIS HODGES THE CHRONICLE

Charlotte attorney James Ferguson II became the second African American attorney to lead the N.C. Academy of Trial

The academy is a nonprofit,

nonpartisan association designed to protect the rights North Carolinians in workplace, home and environment. Ferguson is a founding

Ferguson

partner at the law firm Ferguson, Stien, Wallas, Adkins, Gresham and Sumter, which also has an office in Chapel Hill. He said he has been a member

of the organization for over 20

"This is an organization that is close to my heart," Ferguson

The academy represents over 4,000 lawyers across the state who fight for plaintiffs who have suffered injuries at someone else's

While Ferguson said there will not be sweeping changes under his watch, there are several issues the academy plans to look at.

"One thing we are going to give attention to is the move to have a moratorium for the death penalty. The death penalty is froth with problems," Ferguson said.

He added that he is pretty sure innocent people have been killed

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aines, director of Baptist Hospital's forensic nurses program, talks about the new unit.

Unit will focus on rape victims

BY CHERIS HODGES THE CHRONICLE

Baptist Hospital has opened a special unit in the emergency room dedicated to the examination of rape victims.

The room is tucked away in a corner away from the hustle and bustle of the busy ER. This room allows victims to be alone with a specially trained nurse so that evidence can be collected and turned over to the police, said the director of the program, Dr. Patricia Baines.

Before Saturday, rape victims were directed to Forsyth Medical Center for specific care.
"(Forsyth Medical's) is a

more community-based pro-

gram and ours is a hospital- police, time with the doctors so based program," she said.

Baines said last year when the hospital started a task force for domestic violence, the idea for the forensic nurses came up.

"I don't think it was more patients coming in, but the patients that were coming in weren't getting the care we would like to see them have," she said.

Twelve nurses received training for the new program. Baines said the nurses volunteered to work in the unit.

"This is voluntary," she said. "That was one way we chose the nurses for the training." The training involved time in

court, ride-alongs with the

that the nurses could learn how to do pelvic examinations and time in the classroom.

"The classroom training that they get is for an extensive period of time. We could have lectures on how to approach women that have been raped, lectures on the forensic part, the psychological things that women go through," Baines

She added that there was also attention given to what happens to victims of sexual assault after they leave the emergency department.

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Housing Authority of Winston- done," William Andrews, chair-Salem received to revolutionize man of the HAWS Board of public housing in the Kimberly Park community.

All 15 graduates, all females, are current or former residents of Kimberly Park. Many of them of Kimberly Park. have dreams of owning one of the many homes that will be constructed in the community as part of Hope VI.

"Many exciting things are happening in Hope VI around of Hope VI, the the nation, but none of them are dollar grant the as important as what you have

Commissioners, said to the graduates at a noontime ceremony Saturday at Phillips Chapel Baptist Church, which is in the heart

The graduates dressed in their Sunday best for the ceremony.

Many of them brought their children, who share their parents' dream of one day having a place to call home.

Photo by Kevin Walker

Sonya Mason shakes the hands of HAWS officials as she receives her certificate of completion from the homeownership program. Mason endured months of rehabilitation after a car accident to make it to the graduation.



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