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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: Tuesday, August 31, 2010
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Nature of Event: Sign Up For Sheriff's Community Awareness Academy
Location of Call: Auburn Justice Center, 2929 Richardson Dr., Auburn, CA
Released by: Dena Erwin, PIO (530) 889-6901

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

It's time to sign up for the Placer County Sheriff Office's popular Community Awareness Academy, which offers an inside look at the law enforcement agency.

Attendees are asked to attend all eight classes, each of which covers a different topic. Classes are held Tuesday and Thursday evenings, beginning Oct. 5 and ending Oct. 28. Participants will hear from members of the department's special units and take "field trips" to the Placer County Jail and morgue, 911 dispatch center, as well as the air operations hangar.

Classes will be held in the Community Room at the Placer County Sheriff headquarters in the Auburn Justice Center. The center is located at 2929 Richardson Drive in north Auburn's Dewitt Center. Classes are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The academy will kick off with a welcome by top sheriff's administrators and an overview of how the department works.

On subsequent nights, presentations will be made by air operations, Search and Rescue, the bomb squad, the Special Enforcement Team, the marine unit, investigations, hostage negotiators and the drug task force. There will also be a demonstration by members of the K-9 team.

The academy is intended to provide the citizens of Placer County with an overview of the Sheriff Office's functions, policies and procedures, as well as getting them involved in their community. The goal of the academy is to provide a greater awareness and understanding of law enforcement's role in the community. Attendees must be at least 18 years of age.

To reserve a spot, call Community Services Officer Lynn Harrison at (916) 652-2419 or e-mail her at lharriso@placer.ca.gov.