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CJC Announces its New 48th Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy

The Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) will host its 48th Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy (CCJA) from Jan. 15 through Feb. 19, 2025. The six-week program runs consecutive Wednesdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. It is free and open to all residents living in Palm Beach County who would like to learn more about law enforcement and the criminal justice system. The classes will be held at Palm Beach County Library, 725 NW 4th Street, Belle Glade, FL 33430 in the Community Room, inside the main entrance. Dinner will be provided.

Local, state and federal law enforcement professionals will provide lectures and demonstrations. The program includes sessions with personnel from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO) and other local criminal justice agencies. Certificates of completion are provided at the end of the session.

The CJC is proud to announce a continuation of the winning formula of providing topical information to the public in a relaxed, down-to-earth setting, with one-on-one engagement. All of the participating criminal justice agencies, especially PBSO, are committed to educating citizens and providing them with knowledge to be informed members of the community.

The improved program will include cybercrime, homelessness support, juvenile justice, targeted violence, a demonstration of police body cameras and much more. There will be various opportunities to see high-tech equipment first hand. Most of the program consists of lectures with interactive presentations, and there will be plenty of opportunities for questions and discussion. One of the highlights of the CCJA is to tour specialized criminal justice facilities.

For those who have always been curious about law enforcement and the criminal justice system, the CCJA provides an opportunity to get involved and learn from experts. This program is sponsored by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners as a free service to all residents. Community service hours are offered and participation from students over the age of 14 is encouraged.

Registration closes on Monday, Jan. 13, 2025 at 5 p.m. For more information and registration, visit www.pbc.gov/criminaljustice. Because of space limitations, only 50 people will be able to enroll. Please call (561) 355-2332 for more information.