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LPD Hosts Senior Citizens' Police Academy

LaGrange, Ga. August 18, 2017 – The LaGrange Police Department is excited to begin its Senior Citizens' Police Academy, an eight-week class that provides an opportunity for senior citizens to become familiar with the day-to-day operations of the LaGrange Police Department.

The first session was held Thursday, August 10th with 29 people signed up to participate. Sessions are held every Thursday.

Officer Natalie Blackstock is leading the classes.



“We have a ball!” Blackstock says, “We try to gear the information towards our senior citizens and what we feel is relevant to them.”

The program is designed to empower and educate our senior populations on issues pertinent to them.

Participants are able to gain valuable knowledge in areas such as fraud prevention, internet safety, traffic safety, elder abuse, and reporting crime.

The goal of the Senior Academy is to prevent someone from becoming a victim and to make them more comfortable with the police officers in the community.



Blackstock adds she is getting a lot of great feedback from the participants, “ They are already talking about the gun safety session. That’s when we will let them learn the proper way to use a firearm.”

The Senior Citizens’ Police Academy is free of charge. To participate, you can sign up at the Active Life

Center at (706) 883-1681. The next session August 24th.

Contact: Officer Natalie Blackstock, LaGrange Police Department at nmckinley@lagrangeaga.org or (706) 883-2632.

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