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## Public Information Release

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On Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, the Acworth Police Department will host a graduation ceremony for the Citizen's Police Academy (CPA). Forty members of the community have completed the 12 week program which offers an inside look at the law enforcement profession. This program has been a huge success in building lasting relationships between the Officers and the citizens they serve. Over the past 15 years, more than 600 citizens have participated in the CPA. This year's class included small business owners, local pastors, and retirees among others.

Citizens are instructed on a variety of topics, including search and seizure, traffic law, judgmental shooting, criminal investigations, K-9 demonstrations, domestic violence, drug investigations, etc. The class also had the opportunity to shoot various firearms at the range after first completing a firearms safety course. Graduates will also have an opportunity to ride with officers during a shift. This year the class representative is Acworth Business Association President, Jay White.

Acworth is honored to have Barry Morgan, the Solicitor General as the keynote speaker. Mr. Morgan has been the Cobb Solicitor General since 1998. He is responsible for the prosecution of all traffic, misdemeanor, and ordinance violations in Cobb County.

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