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## Media Advisory

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### Residents to Graduate from 2016 Citizen Police Academy

- What:** 2016 Citizen Police Academy Graduation
- Who:** Community Resource Unit of the Durham Police Department's Community Services Division
- Speakers:** Department officials and Durham residents
- When:** Thursday, October 6, 2016  
6:30 p.m.
- Where:** Council Chambers, Durham City Hall  
101 City Hall Plaza

#### Fast Facts

- The Citizen Police Academy offers residents first-hand knowledge and insights into the "hows" and "whys" of Durham Police Department operations and services.
- Established in the mid-1980s, DPD's Citizen Police Academy is designed to help promote the department's philosophy of community-oriented policing. Essentially community oriented-policing signifies law enforcement and residents working in harmony to identify and address safety problems and related quality of life issues.
- The 2016 Citizen Police Academy is graduating 19 participants including Durham residents, a Civilian Police Review Board member, a family member of an officer, persons interested in police work and individuals seeking ways to help improve police-community relations.
- Graduates have met attendance requirements of the six-week academy - attending at least eight (8) sessions. From August 25 to October 6, 2016, the academy was held twice a week for approximately two hours. Academy sessions provided participants front line and behind-the-scenes law enforcement experiences through oral, visual, interactive and field presentations as well as police ride-a-longs.