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Learn about the Criminal Justice System at the Yolo County District Attorney Citizens Academy Applications now being accepted

(Woodland, CA) – February 2, 2018 - District Attorney Jeff Reisig announces the seventh annual Yolo County District Attorney Citizens Academy which is sponsored by the Yolo County District Attorney's Office in cooperation with the Yolo County Sheriff's Office, the California Highway Patrol, the Davis Police Department, the UC Davis Police Department, the West Sacramento Police Department, the Winters Police Department, the Woodland Police Department, and the Yolo County Probation Department,.

The Citizen's Academy is an eight-week journey designed to involve diverse communities in participating in mutual learning about the criminal justice system. The goal is to educate the public and improve relationships and communication between the many different communities in Yolo County and the criminal justice system.

Topics will include: the role of the District Attorney; the Victim Services division; the role of law enforcement and the judiciary, including the grand jury and the defense; gangs; restorative justice and collaborative courts; innovative programs such as data driven intervention, community policing and community involvement; how Yolo County law enforcement is addressing the issue of homelessness; as well as emerging topics that affect our criminal justice system. Participants will view a real DUI trial; they will observe a K-9 officer presentation; and they will take a tour of the Yolo County Jail and morgue.

Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig stated that "The Academy provides a comprehensive look at the criminal justice system in Yolo County. Together we will explore how the system interplays with our communities from West Sacramento to the rural areas." Reisig continued, "I think participants will be educated, enlightened and entertained."

The Academy will meet every Thursday for eight weeks, from April 19, 2018, to June 7, 2018, 6:00-8:30 p.m. To enroll please contact Wendy Wilcox at (530) 666-8356, wendy.wilcox@yolocounty.org or log on to www.yoloda.org for more information. Class space is limited. Applicants must be 18 years of age and be a resident of Yolo County. Application deadline is April 3, 2018.