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**Richard Pierce, Sheriff**  
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**SHERIFF'S CITIZEN'S ACADEMY TO GRADUATE JUNE 21, 2006**

Sheriff Richard Pierce is pleased to announce the graduation ceremony of the Fresno County Sheriff's Department's third Citizen's Academy class on Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at 6:30PM.

The class, comprised of Fresno County citizens, has met each Wednesday night for fifteen weeks. Participants learned about numerous topics related to Fresno County law enforcement and crime prevention so that they can better understand the way the Fresno Sheriff's Department works. Class topics included Laws of Arrest, Patrol Procedures, Detective Procedures, Traffic Simulator, Firearms, and Corrections Operations including a tour of the jail. Specialty Units including Air Support, Dive Unit, K-9, Mounted Patrol, Search and Rescue and SWAT gave demonstrations.

The academy was implemented by the Sheriff's Department to increase understanding and communication between the department and the public it serves by working collaboratively to develop a partnership that will foster mutual understanding and respect.

Members of the media are invited to the Sheriff's Department's Divisadero Training office, 1256 E Divisadero Street, Fresno on Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at 6:30PM for the graduation ceremony.