

## INCREASING UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE POLICE AND CITIZENS THOUGH EDUCATION

The Florence Police Department is a service organization. In order to provide the best possible service to our community, the provider and the receiver of this service must understand each other's viewpoints. Television shows about police work and the general lack of accurate information about police authority has created a mythical image of the police and what they can and cannot do to address the criminal issues facing our society.

The average citizen has always been interested in the role of the police in the community. The Citizen's Police Academy will give the citizens of Florence the opportunity to learn about their local police agency. It is not intended to make citizens into police officers, but to allow citizens to learn police operations. Citizens will become informed as to the actual role of the police and in return, the police will benefit from the wealth of knowledge citizens can give about their community.

## SHOULD I ATTEND THE CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

If you live or work in the City of Florence, chances are you will receive some type of service from the Florence Police Department. After attending the Citizen's Police Academy, you will be better informed about our agency and you will know what to expect when you meet one of our officers. Class topics include Officer Training, Patrol and Traffic Operations, Juvenile Procedures, Gang Activity and Awareness, Narcotics/VICE, Investigations, Victim Witness and Elderly Abuse, Identity Theft, Polygraph Use, Emergency Response, Alcohol Enforcement Education, and Chaplin's Program.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION**

Participants must attend all classes and complete a fourhour Ride Along with an officer. This is a 6 week course. Classes are scheduled for two hours on Tuesday's from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

## REGISTRATION

(Please Print)

Name: (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Address:

Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

SS#: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth:

Driver's License # & State:

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal misdemeanor or felony? \_\_\_\_\_

If YES, explain where, when, and disposition:

Place of Employment:

Duties Performed: \_\_\_\_\_