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**REGISTRATION OPEN FOR FORSYTH COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
CITIZENS' FIRE ACADEMY**

Free hands-on program educates residents about fire services

Forsyth County, Georgia – Now in its fifth year, the 10-week Forsyth County Fire Department Citizens' Fire Academy offers participants an inside look at the profession of firefighting, hands-on experience with equipment used by the fire department as well as an opportunity to interact with first responders. Forsyth County residents interested in participating are invited to register for the upcoming program, which provides a chance to learn about the variety of services the department provides.

"The Forsyth County Fire Department is proud to serve the citizens of the county every day, so we enjoy this chance to show the community the methods and equipment we use to do so," said Fire Chief Danny Bowman. "This is a really unique chance for residents to not just get a hands-on learning experience, but to also interact with first responders."

The Citizens' Fire Academy will be held on 10 consecutive Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. beginning Tuesday, March 6, and continuing through May 8, with end-of-session activities on Saturday, May 12. The course will be held at Fire Department Headquarters at the Forsyth County Public Safety Complex located at 3520 Settingdown Road in northern Forsyth County.

Participants must be 25 years of age or older, have no prior felony conviction, pass an acceptable background check and be a resident of Forsyth County. Participants must be willing to make a 10-week commitment to the program.

Those interested in applying for the Citizens' Fire Academy must submit a completed application, a signed and notarized liability release, and a signed and notarized confidentiality agreement. The application packet is available on the Fire Department's page on the Forsyth County website at forsythco.com. Space in the program is limited, and selection is first-come, first-served pending a successful background check.

Submit completed application packets by February 16 to:

Mail: Forsyth County Fire Department
ATTN: Rebecah Green
3520 Settingdown Road
Cumming, GA 30028

Fax: (770) 887-4910

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Email: RLGreen@forsythco.com

Please note that if submitted via fax or email, original copies should be retained by applicants to turn in during the first meeting of the Citizens' Fire Academy.

For more information about the Citizens' Fire Academy, call (770) 205-5674.



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