



News from the Shelby County Sheriff's Office

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Sheriff's Office Citizens' Academy Graduation Tonight

The Shelby County Sheriff's Office will graduate its eleventh Citizens' Academy class tonight at six o'clock. The ceremony will be held at the Sheriff's Office Training Academy, 993 Dovecrest. Twenty-five (25) students will graduate.

"This has been an excellent opportunity for people to learn more about the operations of the Sheriff's Office. I commend these citizens for giving several weeks of their time to find out how they can assist us in our efforts to keep Memphis and Shelby County a safe place to live and work," said Shelby County Sheriff Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

During the ten-week course, students saw equipment demonstrations, participated in group discussions and attended presentations by officers and staff members from various Sheriff's Office bureaus.

Tonight's keynote speaker for the graduation will be Reverend Milton Carroll, Volunteer Chaplain of the Sheriff's Office and Pastor of the Caring Ministry of Hope Presbyterian Church in Cordova.

Including tonight's graduates, 207 people have completed the Sheriff's Office Citizens' Academy training course which was first offered in 2003. The next session will be held in the spring of 2009.

Those interested in attending the next class may call the Sheriff's Office Training Academy at (901) 387-5750 or register by E-mail at the Sheriff's Office website at www.shelby-sheriff.org. Students must pass a criminal background check to take the course.

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