

# **Citizens' Police Academy**

The Scituate Police Department will be conducting the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Citizens' Police Academy starting on September 10, 2008. Classes will be held on Wednesday nights from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Topics will include Accident Investigation, Arrest/ Search and Seizure, Criminal Investigation, Domestic Violence Issues, Patrol Operations, Traffic Enforcement, Firearms Instruction and Use of Force.

The focus of the academy will be to provide residents a first hand look at what police officers do on a daily basis. Participants will gain a better understanding of the policies, procedures, guidelines, responsibilities and laws that shape police decision making. And with this understanding it will become easier for police and citizens to find realistic solutions to neighborhood problems and quality of life issues. Some goals of the academy include: opening up lines of two way communication with citizens, creating partnerships which will foster stronger police/citizen relationships, to produce informed citizens and to reduce crime in the community.

The academy is funded by donations from the Scituate Fraternal Order of Police Associate Lodge #30 and admission is free. Town resident applicants are preferred, but other applicants are welcome. All applicants must be at least (18) years old and pass a criminal background check. A ceremony will conclude the program, at which time participants will receive certificates and academy shirts.

Applications are available at the Scituate Police Department, 116 Main St., Hope or on-line utilizing the police department link at [www.scituateri.org](http://www.scituateri.org).

Applications must be returned to the Scituate Police Department no later than Wednesday September 3, 2008.

For more information please contact the Academy Coordinator: Sgt. Brendan Moore (401) 821-5900.