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## **CITY OF KEARNEY** **PRESS RELEASE** ***For Immediate Release***

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### **2022 Kearney Police/Buffalo County Sheriff Citizen Police Academy**

The Kearney Police Department is now accepting applications for the 21st Citizen Police Academy. The 8 sessions will be held on Tuesday's from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center. The sessions will be held March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, and April 12. Topics covered will include current trends in law enforcement, Criminal Investigations, Accident Investigations, Patrol Operations, Use of Force, and Special Operations. There will also be a tour of the Buffalo County Jail.

Citizens interested must have no felony convictions, no convictions for crimes of violence or domestic violence, and no DUI or drug convictions in the past four years. Participants must be at least 18 years of age. A background check will be conducted on all applicants and applicants will be notified if accepted into the Citizen Academy.

This is an interactive program that combines classroom and lecture along with hands on training. Students will have the opportunity to investigate mock crime scenes and interview witnesses and suspects, make mock traffic stops, and make use of force decisions in dynamic scenarios. Participation in the mock scenarios is optional, but recommended. Special consideration will be given to those who would like to participate, but may be limited by physical disabilities. The class is free to accepted participants.

Applications are available at the front desk of the Kearney/Buffalo County Law Enforcement Center, 2025 Avenue A or on the City of Kearney webpage. Applications must be returned to the Kearney Police Department by Tuesday, February 17, 2022. For further information, please contact Lt. Jason Koettters at (308) 233-5244 or email [jkoettters@kearneygov.org](mailto:jkoettters@kearneygov.org)

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