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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## L.P.D. GRADUATES LARGEST CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY CLASS

**Lexington, S.C.** (May 20, 2016) – Chief Terrence Green is pleased to announce the graduation of the largest Citizen's Police Academy class in the thirteen year history of the program. Twenty-six individuals graduated on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at a ceremony that was held at the Town of Lexington Municipal Complex.

The Citizen's Police Academy Spring 2016 session began in March and met on Tuesday evenings for nine weeks. Classes were held at the Lexington Police Department's training facility with some off site locations visited as well. Course instruction was administered by Lexington Police Department personnel and included an overview of police operations and organization with presentations on the Patrol Division, Criminal Investigations Division, Office of Professional Standards, Special Operations Division, and highlighted the various specialized units within the department as well.

Chief Terrence Green said, "The Citizen's Police Academy continues to be a much asked about program and a great opportunity for our citizens and business owners to gain a better understanding of the work our officers do on a daily basis. The program is also designed to create ambassadors through our V.I.P.S. program which continues to be a success and we appreciate the volunteerism of each one involved."

Graduates from the Citizen's Police Academy class are now eligible for consideration in becoming a member of the Volunteers in Police Services (V.I.P.S.) group with the Lexington Police Department. These volunteers, which number nearly 70 individuals, act as ambassadors for the Lexington Police Department and assist at many of the special events with the department.

For more information about the Citizen's Police Academy program, please contact Corporal Cameron Mortenson at 803-358-1504 or by email at <a href="mailto:cmortenson@lexsc.com">cmortenson@lexsc.com</a>. The next Citizen's Police Academy is scheduled for Spring 2017.

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