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17th Judicial District Attorney's Office to Host Citizens Academy

It's time to register for the District Attorney's Citizens Academy!

The District Attorney's Office for Adams and Broomfield Counties will hold its second annual Citizens Academy in September, offering the public an inside look into how the criminal justice system works.

Participants will learn how a homicide case unfolds from the time a crime is committed through conviction and sentencing, how forensic experts analyze a crime scene and how the real work that prosecutors and investigators do is different from what is portrayed on television and movies.

The academy will be held 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday evenings from September 16 to November 4. Applications are due by August 29.

"We are excited about offering our second Citizens Academy to the public," said District Attorney Dave Young. "Our first academy received overwhelming response and our students were very enthusiastic about the experience they had last year.

"This is a great opportunity for us to connect with the community and for people to learn about the work that we do and how the criminal justice system really works," Young said. "The prosecutors in our office have decades of experience and we want to share that experience and knowledge so that people have a better understanding of the inner workings of the criminal justice system."

The free eight-week program will cover that anatomy of a murder case, the role of the coroner, victim-witness services, the diversion program, juvenile crime, drug cases and alternative courts like Drug Court and Veterans Court. The academy will conclude with a mock trial with academy students serving as jurors.

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