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DENVER DA'S OFFICE RE-LAUNCHES CITIZENS ACADEMY

One-day introductory "Denver DA 101" program scheduled

The Denver District Attorney's Office is launching the revival of its Citizens Academy program to provide ongoing practical information to the residents of Denver regarding the criminal justice system. The Citizens Academy is for individuals who live or work in the City and County of Denver.

The purpose of the Citizens Academy is to

- 1) Build and sustain a positive relationship between the community and the District Attorney's Office;
- 2) Enhance public understanding of the District Attorney's Office by providing insights into the operations and procedures of the Office;
- 3) Empower community members to become more proactively involved with the criminal legal system and their respective communities; and
- 4) Reduce crime and increase reporting due as a result of a better understanding of the laws, the criminal justice process, and the consequences of criminal misconduct.

To kick off its Citizens Academy program, the District Attorney's Office will host a free, one-day, introductory "Denver DA 101" program featuring interactive presentations and discussions by the District Attorney and other members of the office.

WHEN: Saturday, October 13, 2018
9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

WHERE: Blair Caldwell African American Research Library
2401 Welton Street, Denver

TENTATIVE AGENDA

9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:30 a.m.	Welcome & Introductory Remarks
10:00 a.m.	How Does the DA's Office Get a Case? Intake Process & Filing Decision Standards
11:00 a.m.	County, District Court, & Specialized Prosecution Units
12 Noon	Break/Lunch (bring your own lunch!)
12:30 p.m.	Victim Services & the Role of the Victim Advocate
1:30 p.m.	Diversion & Community Programs
2:30 p.m.	Introduction to the Trial Process
3:30 p.m.	A Closer Look at Trials
4:15 p.m.	Closing Remarks/Program Evaluation
4:30 p.m.	Adjourn

RSVP: **Space is limited; attendance is based upon order of applications received.**

Residents or persons who work in the City and County of Denver who would like to attend this all-day program, are asked to contact Michael Song at michael.song@denverda.org for a short application, or go to www.denverda.org, "Contact Us," Denver Citizens Academy.