



Alton Weed & Seed Strategy
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CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

ALL CITY OF ALTON RESIDENTS WELCOME

For several years now, residents and the Alton Police Department have been meeting together **to improve the quality of life, solve problems, and implement the principles of Community Oriented Policing** within the Alton Weed & Seed neighborhoods of Mexico, Hunterstown, & Middletown. While we have made strides, we still have much to accomplish and sustain. We cannot do it without residents taking an interest and working together.

Through the years, residents and officials have asked **when Weed & Seed might come to other neighborhoods?** While Weed & Seed continues to focus on the original neighborhoods, we share information with all community residents, regardless of neighborhood, and all are welcome at our events. If you would like information about organizing a Neighborhood Watch Group, outside the Weed & Seed neighborhoods, please contact Sergeant David Goins, of Alton Police Department at 463-3505, ext. 238.

This **Citizen's Police Academy is a first-step in bringing the principals of the Weed & Seed Strategy to other neighborhoods in Alton while implementation continues within the original neighborhoods.** Like any worthy project, it takes time and many people working together for long-term success. In partnership with the Alton Weed & Seed Strategy & Saint Anthony's / Saint Clare's Health Centers, the Alton Police Department will host a series of informational sessions designed to increase dialogue between residents and police, while sharing information about police procedure and practices. **These sessions are open to all residents, not just those living in the Weed & Seed Neighborhoods.**

The first academy is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 5, 2007 from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. at Saint Clares Hospital Professional Building, Auditoriums A & B.** The Professional Building is located at the southwest corner of East 5th & Oak Streets in Alton. Parking is available in the attached garage. Enter the building on the Ground Floor and bring the elevator to the First Floor. **Refreshments provided and children are welcome.**

Topics will include:

- Law Enforcement Agencies: Federal, State and Local – Who does what?
- Police and Resident Partnerships: Roles & Responsibilities & What happens when I call police?

Thank you,

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www.drugfreealton.com