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## KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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### Media Release

Area law enforcement agencies are pleased to announce the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Multi-Agency Citizen's Academy starting April 13<sup>th</sup> 2010 to be held in cooperation with the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department, Coeur d'Alene Police, Post Falls Police, Rathdrum Police and Coeur d'Alene Tribal Police. The Citizen's Academy is modeled after two successful joint academies held over the past two years.

The Citizen's Academy is free to the public. The purpose of the Academy is to develop positive relations between law enforcement and the community through education. The Academy is structured as an informal program to give citizens a broad based understanding of the inner workings of local law enforcement.

Academy participants learn how local law enforcement operates and gain an understanding of the challenges facing law enforcement in our rapidly growing community. Citizens participating will also have an opportunity to learn about and apply for volunteer positions available within the departments.

The Citizen's Academy provides opportunities for open discussion with law enforcement officers, and agency leaders. Participants in the Citizen's Academy meet for three (3) hours on Tuesday nights for seven (7) weeks as well as two (2) Saturday classes. Upon completion, each participant will receive a certificate on graduation day.

Applicants must be 18 years of age and have no misdemeanor conviction in the past year. Applicants with a felony conviction will not be selected to attend the Citizen's Academy. Applications may be picked up at the participating agencies.

The deadline for postmarked applications is April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010. Class size is limited to 40 participants. Applicants will be notified if they are chosen for the academy.

For additional questions about the Citizen's Academy contact Sgt. Christie Wood at Coeur d'Alene Police 769-2320, Ashley Schild at Post Falls Police 773-3517, Lt. Tomi McLean at Rathdrum Police 687-0711, Chief Keith Hutcheson at CdA Tribal Police 686-2050, Sgt. Tom Knight at Kootenai County Sheriff's Department 446-1300.