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Athens Employees Excel in FBI-LEEDA Training



The City of Athens proudly celebrates the successful completion of the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (FBI-LEEDA) Media and Public Relations course by Lieutenant Blake Witt and Communications Coordinator Brianna Baker. This training enhances skills in communication and media relations for law enforcement professionals. City Manager Deb Wallace expressed pride in their achievement, highlighting its benefits for public engagement and transparency. "We are immensely proud of Blake and Brianna for their accomplishment," said Wallace. "Their newfound expertise in media and public relations will undoubtedly contribute to our organization's ability to engage with the public, foster trust, and uphold transparency."

Lieutenant Blake Witt also completed the prestigious FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Certificate program, demonstrating exceptional leadership proficiency. Chief of Police Fred Schultz commended Witt, emphasizing the program's value in navigating contemporary challenges. "The attainment of the FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Certificate is a testament to Lieutenant Witt's dedication to professional growth and excellence," stated Chief Schultz. "We are immensely proud of Lieutenant Witt and confident that the knowledge and skills acquired through this rigorous program will significantly contribute to his effectiveness as a leader within our organization." These achievements highlight the ongoing commitment of the City of Athens to invest in the professional development of its employees and ensuring the highest standards of performance and service delivery.


For more information, please contact the City Manager's Office (423) 744-2702 or Chief of Police, Fred Schultz (423) 744-2730.



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Community News You Can Use

•The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following street closures: JACKSON STREET from Green Street to Washington Avenue and MADISON AVENUE from White Street to Green Street. These closures will be on Saturday, March 16, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Motorists are advised to use extreme caution and watch for traffic signage, workers, and pedestrians. Motorists should allocate additional time for traffic delays when traveling in this area. The purpose of this closing is for the Athens Travelers Car Club Cruise-In event. For more information, please contact the Office of the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.

•McMinn County Trustee Phil Tuggle is reminding taxpayers all unpaid 2022 real and personal property taxes will be turned over to Chancery Court, as required by law, at close of business on March 28, 2024. This will result in additional cost to the taxpayer. If you have questions regarding 2022 taxes, please contact the Trustee's Office at 745-1291 or e-mail ptuggle@mcminncountyttn.gov.

Church News and Events

-Mars Hill Presbyterian Church (205 North Jackson Street) is sponsoring a free children's playgroup on Mondays, 9-11 a.m. for ages 0-5. For additional information, contact the Church Office (423-745-1403) or Mary Ann Reed (910-200-2905)

-Zion Hill Baptist Church will be hosting a free Men's Prayer breakfast on April 20 at the TWU cafeteria. We will begin serving breakfast at 8:00 am. Speaker will be Steve Morgan of Cleveland First Baptist Church. An offering will be taken to benefit Miracle Lake Ministries. Please register at zhbc.com/breakfast by April 1.

-Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 pm.

-Celebrate Recovery meets at the following churches: The Englewood Church of God every Sunday at 6 p.m. and Woodward Avenue Church of God every Tuesday at 6 p.m.

-Mars Hill Presbyterian Church is hiring for two part-time positions: Music Director and Organist/Pianist. If experienced and interested, please send resumes by mail to MHPC at 205 N. Jackson St. in Athens or via email to: mhpcchurch@outlook.com.

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