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## Press Release

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### **Board of County Commissioners Host Citizens' Academy Orientation**

**Woodbine, GA – May 11, 2009:** Camden County Citizens' Academy was launched on Thursday, May 7, 2009 with an orientation session for class participants. This event provided both class participants and presenters the opportunity to interact and familiarize themselves with the concept and objectives of the Citizens' Academy. Participants were asked to share a little about themselves which gave County Officials, who will be making future presentations, valuable insight as to the cross-section of the community represented in the class. Class participant, Doug Cooper, stated, "I am glad the County is sponsoring this series. I believe that it is important for the citizens to have the opportunity to obtain first-hand information and knowledge of how the County operates. I was very impressed by the attendance of so many Department Directors and other County Officials at the opening meeting; it shows that everyone is on-board with the program and working together through their differences. I am looking forward to the coming months and having the chance to interact with these officials, as well as the great group of friends and neighbors in the class with me."

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Camden County Government is dedicated to serving its citizens and continuously seeks new ways to better serve them. “It is important that we, as county government, take advantage of every opportunity to educate our citizens on how their tax dollars are being spent,” said Steve Howard, County Administrator. The Citizen’s Academy is a free interactive program designed to familiarize the general public with the roles, services, and operations that comprise Camden County Government. Staci Bowick, Director of Support Services and organizer of this interactive program, stated, “We are excited to be able to offer this opportunity to our citizens and are hopeful they will gain a better understanding of how daily County Government operations contribute to building a better community.”

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