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SUBJ: **PRESS RELEASE by Sheriff Joe Lester**
CCSO Citizen Posse Committee Training open to public

The Cleveland County Sheriff's Office is inviting the public to learn about the department's daily functions and operations through a monthly forum.

The Citizen Posse Committee will commence Dec. 4 and conclude June 4, 2015. Two-hour meetings will be scheduled the first Thursday of every month, except for January of 2015.

During a total of seven sessions, citizens will gain an insight into the operations of the Sheriff's office to include Patrol, Courthouse Security, Detention, Civil and Administrative duties. The Sheriff's office will also solicit input from the committee members to use as feedback for current operations and future plans.

Citizens interested in joining the committee must be at least 20 years old or older. Applicants should reside or own a business in Cleveland County. Participants can't have any criminal history and must agree to a criminal history check.

CCSO will require applicants to attend a minimum of five sessions. The course will be limited to 15 participants.

Sheriff Joe Lester said the forum's purpose is to educate citizens about law enforcement and the department's role in government.

"We want this to be a positive experience for participants," Lester said. "Each time this committee meets, I want them to get a better insight into the sheriff's office and build trust with the department at the same time."

Applications may be downloaded at www.ccsso-ok.us or picked up at the sheriff's office, 128 S. Peters Ave. in Norman, from 7:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any questions regarding this press release and/or information can be addressed to Meghan McCormick, Cleveland County Sheriff's Office, community liaison/public information officer. McCormick can be reached at (405) 701-8847.