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Mayor Gary McCarthy Kicks Off New Technology Initiative To Support Police Recruitment

SCHENECTADY - Mayor Gary McCarthy today kicked off the Schenectady's recruitment efforts for the upcoming Police Officer Exam with the announcement of upcoming events and an innovative approach to outreach using smart phones and location technologies. Schenectady is partnering with [s]Cube Inc., a Technology Services company headquartered in Schenectady, to deploy beacons for location based smart phone outreach and to develop an app to help interested parties learn about the exam.

“Through this outreach, we continue our efforts to find the best candidates for all positions and have a workforce that reflects our community,” said Mayor Gary R. McCarthy. “Public safety is a critical part of quality of life in our communities. We are proud of the continuing results of our data driven law enforcement efforts that have led to a significant decrease in crime and the heart of these results is our dedicated law enforcement personnel.”

In addition to traditional advertising and public outreach, Schenectady has partnered with [s]Cube Inc. to deploy beacons in critical locations to raise awareness of the exam and the job opportunity. Beacons work by communicating directly with people's smart phones, sharing with them information through either a notification on their phone or through an app. By deploying these devices in critical locations and by putting them in city vehicles to ensure coverage of the majority of the City, Schenectady hopes to significantly expand its outreach and ensure a diverse pool of applicants for this November's exam.

“We are very impressed with the Mayor's initiative and leadership of using cutting edge technology to recruit police officers for the City of Schenectady. This technology will be extremely helpful in providing better services and outreach to the citizens. We are excited and honored to be part of this initiative. We look forward to working alongside the Mayor in making Schenectady a Smart City,” says Suman Akula, Chief Executive Officer of [s]Cube.

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Tomorrow, the Schenectady Police Department will be conducting an open house at the Schenectady County Central Public Library Central Branch for interested candidates. Sessions will take place from 2:00-3:30 p.m., 3:00-4:30 p.m., and 4:00-5:30 p.m..

The application filing deadline for the exam is October 3, 2016 and applications are currently being accepted. Applicants must be a high school graduate or possess a GED equivalency, thirty college credit hours, and a valid New York State Operator's license. Applicants must submit to a complete background check, medical and other screenings including a qualifying physical fitness test.

For more information regarding the exam, please contact Miriam Cajuste, Affirmative Action Manager, at PoliceExam@Schenectadycounty.com

About [s]Cube Inc:

[s]Cube Inc. is a Technology Services company headquartered in Schenectady. [s]Cube is an end to end IT solutions provider focusing of Internet of Things. [s]Cube builds technology to help make communities more efficient and accessible.

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