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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On Thursday Nov. 19, 2009, Chief Richard M. Stanley and The Wareham Police Dept. will be hosting the graduation for the Citizens Police Academy. This will be the conclusion of an eight-week class and will include a dinner, certificates of completion and the presentation of a newly instituted citizenship award that will be presented Thursday night. In addition to the class members, Chief Stanley, State Representative Susan Williams Gifford, representatives from E911, and many Officers who participated as class instructors will be attending.

*(Please note this is not open to the general public)*

The citizenship award is being presented to 10 year old Timothy Brown of Wareham. Timothy called Wareham Police 911 recently from his home to report that his mother was on the floor suffering a seizure. Four months ago she had a baseball sized tumor removed from her brain at Mass General Hospital. His father was having surgery in Boston and his two older sisters were not at home. Timothy was now alone with his other siblings. Dispatcher Edward Johnson and Officer David Simmons did a commendable job in keeping Timothy calm as they contacted police, fire, and EMS. Dispatchers commented that they could hear screaming in the background from Timothy's younger siblings. Timothy took charge of the situation, comforting his younger siblings until police and EMS arrived. His mother was treated

The award is to be named in honor of timothy's brother who died in Sept. of 2008 at the age of 16 from Mitochondrial disease. Steven was an inspiration to Timothy and the entire Brown family who went on to adopting four children shortly after Steven's passing. Two of those children suffer from various medical problems. This award will be the first to be given by the Wareham Police Department. It will become an annual affair, recognizing a similar deserving citizen in the Town of Wareham

The event will start at 7:00 p.m. and will take place at the "Redman" Hall, 758 Main St. Wareham (Across from Decas Elementary School). There is ample parking to the rear of the building. Citizen's Academy representatives Officer Herbert Noble and Sgt. John Walcek are extending the invitation to the Wareham Board of Selectmen, Interim Town Administrator and members of the Press. If planning to attend please R.S.V.P. Officer Herbert Noble by email as soon as possible. [herbert\\_noble@warehampolice.com](mailto:herbert_noble@warehampolice.com).

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES** – Do not attempt to contact the Brown Family. This event is a surprise for Timothy and his family. Any questions may be directed to Wareham Police Public Information Officer William Fihlman at 508-509-0532 or [william\\_fihlman@warehampolice.com](mailto:william_fihlman@warehampolice.com).