

Lawrence, Kansas Police Department

NEWS RELEASE

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Friday, April 10, 2009, the Lawrence Police Department will be hosting graduation ceremonies for police recruits in the 28th Basic Recruit Academy. After 23 weeks, 13 recruits have successfully completed their classroom and practical exercise tests. Following graduation on Friday, the new police officers will proceed to temporary special assignments throughout the department before being assigned to three-month patrol duties under the direction of Field Training Officers (FTO's). Upon successful completion of the FTO process, the new officers will continue on one of three patrol shifts.

As part of the recruit graduation ceremony, Chief of Police W. Ronald Olin will honor the work of veteran officers with an award ceremony. The selected officers and command staff will be recognized for outstanding community service. Informational packets concerning the awards ceremony will be available at the graduation.

Graduation exercises commence at 6:45 p.m., at Maceli's 1031 New Hampshire. The award ceremony will begin at 7:45 p.m., and the graduation ceremony will follow at approximately 8:00 p.m.

News media representatives who would like to attend the award and graduation will need to contact Sergeant Bill Cory, Lawrence, Kansas Police Department, 785-832-7551, by Wednesday, April 8, 2009, no later than 4:00 p.m. Accommodations and space at these proceedings will be limited.

Sergeant Bill Cory
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