

NEWS RELEASE
October 31, 2009

Friday, November 6, 2009, the Lawrence Kansas Police Department will be hosting graduation ceremonies for recruits in our 29th Basic Recruit Academy. After 23 weeks, six recruits have successfully completed their classroom and practical exercise training and tests. Following graduation on Friday, the new Police Officers will proceed to special assignments throughout the department and will then be assigned to patrol duties under the direction of Field Training Officers (FTO's). This three month process will place the recruits on patrol with veteran officers. Upon successful completion of the FTO process, the new officers will be assigned to one of three patrol shifts.

As part of the graduation ceremony, Chief of Police W. Ronald Olin will honor the work of three Lawrence Police Officers during an award ceremony. Media informational / background packets concerning the awards ceremony will be available at the graduation.

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

News media representatives who would like to attend the award and graduation ceremonies will need to contact Sergeant Mike Monroe, Lawrence, Kansas Police Department, 785-832-7551, no later than 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 4, 2009. Accommodations and space will be limited.