



Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

New Town of Vienna Police Officer Graduates from Academy



Officer Matt Lyons

On April 10, 2009 Officer Matt Lyons graduated from the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy. The graduation ceremony was held at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. His graduation marks the end of a six month training session in which newly hired police recruits receive training in all aspects of police procedures. The Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy is located in Chantilly, Virginia and is responsible for training new and veteran officers from the Town of Vienna, the Town of Herndon, the Fairfax County Police and Sheriff's Office, as well as the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department's Fire Marshals.

The six month basic recruit session is a non-residential training program. Recruits commute to the facility every Tuesday through Friday for a ten hour day, varying between day and evening hours. The curriculum includes Virginia law, report writing, criminal and crash investigations, warrant service, crime prevention, defensive tactics, emergency vehicle operations, first aid, and firearms skills.

In order to attend the Academy and become a police officer, candidates must go through a rigorous application process which includes written testing, a thorough background check, medical examination, polygraph test and various interviews. On average, only 2% of people that apply to be a police officer actually make it through the hiring process and are permitted to attend the basic recruit training session. The Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy trains approximately 100 new law enforcement officers a year. The Town of Vienna Police Department has a full time instructor on staff at the training facility. With the graduation of this officer, the Vienna Police Department is at full staffing.

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