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Police Recruits Begin Academy Training Monday

The Springfield Police Department will begin its police academy for 26 new recruits on Monday, Feb. 10. The academy will consist of 1019 hours of classroom instruction and practical application. The courses in the curriculum include constitutional and criminal law, criminal investigations, report writing, cultural diversity and many others. The hands-on practical training will include defensive tactics, firearms, law enforcement driving, and situational training.

After graduation, the new officers will participate in the Field Training Officer program where they will work with an experienced officer prior to being on their own for an additional 520 hours.

Some facts of the recruits in the academy are:

- Vary in ages from 20 to 36
- 17 have bachelor's degrees, 1 has an associate's degree, 7 have various amounts of college hours
- Six have prior military experience
- Seven females, 19 males
- Two with POST Class A Certification
- Two with prior jail experience, and two with prior law enforcement experience

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