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## Columbus Police 143<sup>rd</sup> Recruit Class Set to Graduate

The Columbus Division of Police is pleased to announce the graduation of the 143<sup>rd</sup> recruit class. A graduation ceremony will take place on Friday, March 15, 2024, at 10 a.m. at the Columbus Police Academy, located at 1000 North Hague Avenue.

The recruits have completed over 30 weeks of intense academic, physical, and practical training in areas including patrol procedures, law enforcement tactics, firearms training, unarmed defense, vehicle operations, mental health and crisis intervention, emergency medical care, community-oriented public safety, and cultural diversity.

"Graduation is the culmination of countless hours of commitment from our recruits, instructors, and partners," said Columbus Division of Police Chief Elaine R. Bryant. "These men and women have dedicated themselves to serving the public, and I am proud to lead this team and stand with the newest generation of committed and compassionate police officers."

The class is comprised of 54 officers; 42 Columbus Division of Police officers and 12 officers representing six outside agencies:

- Columbus Division of Fire Arson- 1
- Delaware County Sherriff's Office- 1
- Dublin Police Department- 1
- Grove City Department- 5
- Reynoldsburg Police Department- 2
- Upper Arlington Police Division- 2

Members of the media interested in attending must arrive promptly by 9:45 a.m. Interviews with a select number of police recruits will be made available following the graduation ceremony.

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