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135th Cleveland Police Academy Begins Today

New Recruits to Begin Training Today in Columbus

CLEVELAND - Mayor Frank G. Jackson, Safety Director Michael McGrath and Chief of Police Calvin D. Williams announce the start of the 135th Police Academy class of the Cleveland Division of Police on Wednesday, December 16, 2015. Fifty new recruits reported to the muni lot today in order to be transported to Columbus, Ohio for training at the Training Academy of the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

This is the first Cleveland Division of Police academy class to begin training with our law enforcement partners of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. The recruits will graduate from the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy on May 6, 2016. They will then return to Cleveland to finish training with the Cleveland Division of Police Academy. This last portion of training is expected to last six to eight weeks.

Those attending the academy were selected from a Civil Service exam for the position of Patrol Officer administered in February, 2015. Candidates underwent a battery of tests and a comprehensive background check before being tendered a conditional offer of employment. Those selected will be given over 1100 hours of instruction in police tactics, criminal law, community diversity and crisis intervention training. Cleveland Police recruits will receive training specifically to prepare our future officers to be responsive to the needs of our community.