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Toledo Police Hold Graduation Ceremony for 65th Academy Class

Toledo, OH (March 1, 2019): After months of training, the newest Toledo Police officers will soon be on the streets responding to calls for service. Thirty-eight members of the 65th Toledo Police Academy have successfully completed basic peace officer training and will take their oath of office during a graduation ceremony Friday night on the campus of the University of Toledo. The new officers will continue to learn over the next four-months during field training. After completion of the field training program, they will be regularly evaluated for a year-long probationary period.

The 65th Toledo Police Academy class, which began on July 27, 2018, has the distinction of being the most diverse class in decades. Nearly 30 percent of the graduating class is female and about 40 percent are people of color. In addition, over a quarter of the class are United States military veterans and almost 50 percent of the class have college degrees, including three officers with advanced degrees – one juris doctorate and two with masters degrees.

Detailed demographics of the 65th Toledo Police Academy graduating class:

| | Male | Female | Total |
|----------|------|--------|-------|
| White | 16 | 7 | 23 |
| Black | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| Hispanic | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Other | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 27 | 11 | 38 |

Including the 38 academy graduates, the department strength is at 621 sworn officers. The next scheduled academy class will begin in July. Recruiting efforts are ongoing for the 2020 academy class, with the application and testing phase opening this June. Those interested in a career with TPD should fill out an interest card at TPDhire.com. All who submit an interest card will receive important information on upcoming hiring events.

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