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Eight new officers for RPD

RSO Academy graduation class includes four new female officers

Riverside, CA -- Seven new Academy graduates, including four women, and one lateral officer, will be sworn into the ranks of the Riverside Police Department tonight following graduation ceremonies of the 173rd Riverside Sheriff's Academy, at the Riverside Municipal Auditorium.

New officers graduating from the Academy are David Bee, Megan Edwards, Theresa Sivula, Brent Stewart, Stacie Tedesco, Christi Thomas and Jarid Zuetel. The lateral transfer is Police Officer Randy McWilliams, who served five years in Missouri law enforcement before returning to California and joining the Placentia Police Department in 2003.

Among the Academy graduates, Bee is an Army veteran; Stewart served in the Marine Corps. Edwards and Zuetel are former Riverside Police Cadets who make the transition to sworn officer. Thomas is the daughter of former RPD officer Paul Arnold and Tedesco is the daughter of RPD Lt. Rick Tedesco.

All will begin their Riverside Police careers as Patrol Officers in the Field Training program.

Riverside Sheriff's Academy Graduation ceremonies are at the Riverside Municipal Auditorium, 3485 Mission Inn Ave., Downtown Riverside, at 6 p.m., Wednesday, January 23, 2008.

Chief Russ Leach will administer the oath to the new RPD officers immediately following the ceremony,

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