January 27, 2012

News Release

For Immediate Release

Police Academy Begins for 17 Recruits

The Springfield Police Department will begin its 2012 Police Academy for 17 new recruits on Monday, January 30th at 8:00 a.m. 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 22 to 36 with the average age being 26 years old
- 1 has their associates, 10 with bachelors and 2 with master degrees
- 1 military veteran from the USMC and 2 active reservists
- 4 females, 1 African American male and 1 Asian male
- 2 fluent in Spanish and 1 fluent in Vietnamese

Media Contact: Cpl. Matt Brown, phone: 417-864-1786
Release authorized by: Lt. Kirk Manlove