



Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

Vienna Police Department Welcomes New Police Officers



(Pictured from Left to Right Officer Ryan Dworznik, Major Daniel Janickey, Officer Cherylyn Thompson, Captain Tu Farhan and Academy Instructor, MPO Michael Finelli)

On December 12th, 2024, Officers Ryan Dworznik and Cherylyn Thompson graduated from the 87th Session of the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy. Their graduation marks the culmination of a six-month training session in which newly hired police recruits receive training in all aspects of police procedures. The six-month basic recruit session is a non-residential training program consisting of over 920 hours of instruction. The curriculum includes but is not limited to 320 hours of academic studies, 94 hours of firearms training, 84 hours of emergency vehicle operation, 110 hours of physical training, and 130 hours of defensive tactics training.

The Criminal Justice Academy trains new and veteran officers from Vienna, Fairfax County Police Department, Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, and the Fairfax County Fire Marshal's Office.

To attend the Academy and become a police officer, candidates must go through a rigorous application process which includes a thorough background check, medical examination, polygraph test, and various interviews. On average, only 2% of the people that apply to be a police officer make it through the hiring process and are invited to attend the basic recruit class.

Officers Dworznik and Thompson will be assigned a Field Training Instructor (FTI) for the next twelve weeks. During the twelve weeks, the FTI will observe and guide the Officer's performance in officer safety, interaction with citizens, investigations of crimes, vehicular accidents, traffic enforcement, report writing, and many other aspects of law enforcement duties.

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