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METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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37 POLICE RECRUITS TO GRADUATE WEDNESDAY

1 Recruit is Likely the 2nd Woman in Department History to Follow Her Mother's Footsteps

The Metropolitan Police Department will hold a graduation ceremony for 37 new police officers on Wednesday, June 24, 2009, at Harris Stowe State University, 3026 Laclede Avenue beginning at 7 p.m.

After 28 weeks of rigorous physical training and classroom instruction, the newest members of the Department are ready to embark on their journeys as St. Louis Police Officers. Recruit Tierra James is among those who will be sworn in. Her mother, Officer Debra Gee, graduated from the Academy in 2008 and now patrols the Sixth District. While many fathers and sons have served as police officers since the Department's inception, it is believed that in the more than 200 year history of the Department, Officer Gee and Recruit James may be only the second mother and daughter to do so.

The Chief of Police, Deputy Chiefs and members of the Board of Police Commissioners will be in attendance to officially welcome the new officers to the Department.

Who: Metropolitan Police Department

What: Police Academy Recruit Graduation Ceremony

Where: Harris Stowe State University, 3026 Laclede Avenue

When: Wednesday, June 24, 2009, at 7 p.m.

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