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**METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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**POLICE RECRUITS' GRADUATION SET FOR THURSDAY**  
*Metropolitan Police Department welcomes 27 new officers*

The Metropolitan Police Department will hold a graduation ceremony for 27 new police officers on Thursday, March 5, 2009, at Harris Stowe State University, 3026 Laclede Avenue beginning at 7 p.m.

After 28 weeks of rigorous physical training and hours of classroom instruction the newest members of the Department are ready to embark on their journeys as St. Louis Police Officers. Recruit Michael Schimmer is among those who will be sworn in Thursday. As part of his fitness training, Schimmer set a new Department record for the 1.5 mile run course. Schimmer's time of 7:57 broke the previous record set in 1998.

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

**Who: Metropolitan Police Department**

**What: Recruit Graduation Ceremony**

**Where: Harris Stowe State University, 3026 Laclede Avenue**

**When: Thursday, March 5, 2009, at 7 p.m.**

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