



# Newport Police Department

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The Newport Police Department is pleased to announce that Officer Brad Purdom graduated from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) Police Academy on September 16, 2011. Officer Purdom enrolled in Basic Police Class #326 on May 23, 2011. Officer Purdom held the distinctive position of the Color Guard Leader for his class. The graduation ceremony at DPSST in Salem marked the successful completion of Officer Purdom's 16-week training. The graduation ceremony was attended by Chief Mark Miranda, Lt. Jason Malloy, City Manager Jim Voetberg, and Officer Purdom's family and friends.

Officers in Oregon are required to complete the 16-week academy within one year of being hired. While attending the academy, they study criminal and traffic laws, patrol tactics, and ethics; they engage in such skills training as defensive tactics, firearms, and driving. During the final week of their training they must pass "Patrol Week", where all acquired knowledge and skills are put to the test in the form of crime scenarios. Newport Police Sgt. Sarazin and Officer Mitchell attended Patrol Week, actively participating in several scenarios.

Now that Officer Purdom has returned from the Academy, he will continue his training through the Field Training and Evaluation Program (FTEP). This is a 17-week training program by which Officer Purdom will work with specially-trained Field Training Officers (FTO) who assists the new officer in applying all the skills learned at the Police Academy. The FTO will evaluate Officer Purdom's performance on a daily basis, covering more than 32 categories. Upon successful completion of the FTEP, Officer Purdom will be assigned a patrol shift, and fully take on the duties of a Patrol Officer.

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