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### **139<sup>th</sup> Cleveland Police Academy Graduates**

*New Officers Are Lateral Transfers with Prior Law Enforcement Experience*

**CLEVELAND** - Mayor Frank G. Jackson, Safety Director Michael McGrath and Chief of Police Calvin D. Williams proudly announce that the 139<sup>th</sup> Cleveland Police Academy graduated today, Monday, March 26, 2018. Three officers will be assigned to the neighborhood districts on basic patrol.

The recruits were selected from a pool of applicants for the position of Patrol Officer who were required to have prior law enforcement experience with an agency in the state of Ohio; they were hired as lateral transfers. As recruits, they underwent a series of tests and a comprehensive background check before receiving a conditional offer of employment. They were given instruction in police tactics, criminal law, community diversity and crisis intervention training. They also received training to prepare them to be responsive to the needs of the community.

Due to budget enhancements made possible by the passage of Issue 32, the Division of Police anticipates hiring 150 police officers in 2018 and an additional 100 officers in the first quarter of 2019, expanding the ranks from just under 1,500 sworn members to just over 1,600.

The Division is scheduled to hold four academy classes throughout 2018. Those who wish to apply may complete an application at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cleveland>.