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### **The Nevada Department of Public Safety to Commission 26 New Peace Officers Thursday at Academy Graduation Ceremony**

CARSON CITY, Nev. - The Nevada Department of Public Safety (DPS) will commission the state's newest Peace Officers this Thursday, October 26. The 78th DPS graduation ceremony will be held at the Carson Nugget at 11:00 a.m.

"The cadets underwent 664 hours of training over the course of 16 weeks," said Training Division Chief Natasha Koch. "They are immersed in high-level courses designed to develop the skills required to serve as law enforcement officers in Nevada, including law and legal procedures, patrol operations and investigations, performance of skills, functions of a Peace Officer, and physical fitness."

The academy began with 32 cadets, of which 26 will graduate. Seventeen will join the Nevada Highway Patrol (NHP), and nine will join the Parole and Probation division.

"Training is very intensive," said DPS Director James Wright. "We want to ensure that those who earn the badge are prepared with the mindset and skill set to manage the many challenges that may threaten our community's safety. I'm proud to administer the oath of office to these incoming officers who will join the DPS family, all who have chosen to answer the call to serve and protect Nevada residents and visitors."

DPS Officers perform a variety of law enforcement and public safety functions within the Department of Public Safety. Assignments vary widely and incumbents are assigned to various divisions within the department including the Nevada Highway Patrol, State Fire Marshal's Office, Investigations, Parole & Probation, and Capitol Police. For information about DPS recruitment opportunities, visit [www.dps.nv.gov](http://www.dps.nv.gov).

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