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Cranston Police Department Welcomes Three New Officers to the Ranks

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Colonel Michael J. Winqvist, Chief of the Cranston Police Department, announces that on May 22, 2015, the Department will be welcoming three new officers to the ranks. Officers Brian Corvese, Steven O'Leary and Ryan Viens will be graduating from the 124th class of the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy and later sworn in as Cranston Police Officers.

Brian Corvese is a 2010 graduate of Cranston East High School and later earned an Associate's of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Rhode Island College. Prior to entering the Municipal Police Academy, Corvese was employed as a Correctional Officer with the Essex County (MA) Sheriff's Department.

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Steven O’Leary is a 2004 graduate of St. Mary’s High School in Worcester, Massachusetts and later earned a Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Business from Worcester State University. O’Leary is a Sergeant in the Air National Guard Reserve, Unit A67, located in Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts. While serving in the Air National Guard, he has been deployed twice to Afghanistan. Prior to entering the Municipal Police Academy, Burke was employed in the loss prevention department of Cumberland Farms.

Ryan Viens is a 2008 graduate of Smithfield High School. He is currently attending the Community College of Rhode Island where he is majoring in Criminal Justice. Prior to entering the Municipal Police Academy, Viens was employed as a manager at Scituate Beverage, as well as a laborer for Master Building Technologies located in Providence. Officer Viens will be following in the footsteps of his father Officer Phil Viens who retired from the Johnston Police Department.

The officers will be sworn-in on Friday, May 22nd at 3:00 p.m. at Cranston City Hall following graduation ceremonies to be held at the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy-located at the Community College of Rhode Island (Lincoln Campus) at 11:00 a.m.

Colonel Winquist stated, “The Cranston Police Department is fortunate to welcome three new officers to our ranks with such experience and strong educational backgrounds. These officers are entering the field of law enforcement at a particularly challenging time in our nation’s history. I confident these officers have been provided with the necessary training and skills to succeed in meeting the many challenges and rigors they will face as they carry out their duties as police officers. The importance of serving the community with dignity and respect will be ingrained in these officers from the day they are sworn in as a Cranston Police Officers and will continue to be reinforced throughout the careers. I congratulate these officers and their families and wish these officers long, safe and rewarding careers.”