The Dayton Police Department is proud to welcome a group of new officers this week. The members of the 108th Dayton police recruit class will be sworn-in on Friday, April 5, at 9 a.m., in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall (101 W. Third St., second floor).

The recruit class will also take part in a formal graduation ceremony on April 5 at 6 p.m. at Stivers High School's Eichelberger Hall (1313 E. Fifth St.). The keynote speaker will be clinical psychologist, combat veteran, and author Dr. Kathy Platoni, who also serves as the psychologist to the Dayton SWAT team and consultant to the department’s hostage negotiation team.

The members of the 108th recruit class completed a rigorous six months of training at the Dayton Police Academy. Upon graduation, the 20 new Dayton police officers will be assigned to a field training officer for 16 weeks before beginning patrol duties on their own. There is also one University of Dayton Public Safety recruit in the class.

Friends, family, and the community are invited to attend the swearing-in and the graduation ceremonies.