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## **SAINT PAUL POLICE RECRUITS GRADUATION CEREMONY TONIGHT** **ST. THOMAS O'SHAUGHNESSY EDUCATIONAL CENTER**

The Commencement Ceremony for the Saint Paul Police Department Recruit Academy 2009 will be held this evening at the University of St. Thomas O'Shaughnessy Educational Center. The ceremony will begin at 7:00 pm. Mayor Christopher Coleman and Chief John. M. Harrington will be among those who will address the recruits.

Interesting facts:

- The 2009 Academy brings previous police experience to Saint Paul from places as far away as Honolulu, Hawaii and New York City.
- Four of the recruits are sons of active and retired Saint Paul police officers.
- Of those four, one follows his mother and one follows both his father and uncle.
- One of the recruits follows his wife into service as a Saint Paul police officer.
- One of the recruits has been awarded a Silver Star by the military for his bravery and actions in combat.

The recruits have completed a 14 week training academy and will begin a 16 week field training program with officers on the street beginning January 17, 2010.