



News Release

SHERIFF BACA PRESIDES OVER GRADUATION CEREMONY OF RESERVE CLASS #110

One female and twenty male Reserve Deputies, as well as five male Reserve Officers from JPL NASA Protective Services and the Glendora, La Verne, Metropolitan State Hospital, and Patton State Hospital Police Departments, graduated from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Training Academy in ceremonies held on Monday, February 11, 2008, at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room.

To prepare themselves for this law enforcement endeavor, the graduates participated in all-day training classes on Sundays, along with two weekday evening training classes each week. In order to reach various levels of Reserve status, graduates are required to complete 477 to 921 hours of intensive training.

As part of the graduation, a badge-pinning ceremony was conducted, with the new Reserve Deputies and Reserve Officers receiving their badges from a family member or loved one. After receiving their graduation certificates, the graduates were officially sworn in as peace officers by Sheriff Lee Baca.

In a special segment of the ceremony, Reserve Deputies Nolan Avery and Matthew Tavares of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department were named the Honor Recruits for Class #110. These awards are given to the recruits who achieve the highest numerical average based upon leadership qualities, social relations and personal traits, practical performance, academics, marksmanship, and physical performance throughout the training period.

Those interested in receiving additional information on the Reserve Program may contact their nearest Sheriff's Station.

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Photos available upon request.