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### Abilene Police Department's 56<sup>th</sup> Graduating Class and 8<sup>th</sup> Lateral Graduating Academy Class

ABILENE, TX – The Abilene Police Department is proud to announce the graduation of Academy Class 56 and also Lateral Academy 8L. Eleven police cadets and two lateral officers will graduate Thursday, August 1, 2019. The ceremony will be held at the Abilene Convention Center at 6:30 p.m., with a reception to follow.

The cadets have completed 1,077 hours of training in 29 weeks of intensive academic, physical and mentally challenging training. Class 56 consists of nine males and two females who will become Abilene's newest peace officers. Lateral Academy 8 consists of two officers who came to the Abilene Police Department from Lockhart, TX and Georgia. All have taken and passed their Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) final examination. The cadets' ages range from 24 to 41 years of age. One cadet has a Master's Degree, and eight of the cadets have 4-year degrees.

The police cadets and lateral officers will enter their next phase of training with Police Training Officers while working the streets of Abilene. This consists of multiple phases and will take up approximately 15 weeks to complete.

Each cadet and lateral officer will be sworn in as a licensed peace officer and have their badges pinned during the ceremony. The keynote speaker for the event is Chief Kim Vickers of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement in Austin. This ceremony is open to the public and it is our privilege to honor these men and women as they begin their careers as professional peace officers.

Respectfully,

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