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## ***Mayor John E. McCormac Appoints Eight New Police Officers to Ranks of Woodbridge Township Police Department***

### ***New Officers to Complete Training and "Hit the Streets" in 2009***

**Woodbridge** – Mayor John E. McCormac today announced the appointment of eight new police officers to the ranks of the Woodbridge Township Police Department. The new officers were introduced during a swearing-in ceremony at the Woodbridge Municipal Building. The appointments were approved by the Mayor and Municipal Council after each recruit successfully completed an extensive testing and eligibility process overseen by the New Jersey Department of Personnel.

"I am pleased to announce the appointment of these eight new police officer recruits to the ranks of the Woodbridge Township Police Department," Mayor McCormac said. "Each of these individuals have exemplary backgrounds and after completing their nearly six months of training will be an asset to the Department and to the residents of Woodbridge. I am enormously proud of these women and men and, as importantly, proud of the job performed by the entire Woodbridge Township Police Department and of the high standards of public service exhibited by each and every member of our department."

Joining Mayor McCormac to announce the promotions were Chief William Trener and Deputy Chief Philip Dinicola, Woodbridge Township Police Department, ranking members and patrol officers of the Woodbridge Township PD, family and friends. Additionally, Council President Rick Dalina and members of the Woodbridge Township Municipal Council offered congratulations to the new police officer recruits on their appointment and individual achievements.

According to Mayor McCormac, the appointments include forward-thinking individuals who have expressed dedication to the task of becoming a Woodbridge Township Police Officer and career law enforcement professional. Each candidate was evaluated by an interview team from the Woodbridge Township Police Department after passing the statewide examination administered by the New Jersey Department of Personnel. The police officer recruits will begin an intensive six-month training program at the Somerset County Police Academy and/or the Monmouth County Police Academy in December. It is anticipated that the recruits will graduate and take-up their responsibilities as Woodbridge Township police officers in June, 2009. The starting Patrol Officer salary is set at \$40,000 per year.

Mayor McCormac and Chief Trenery identified the police officer recruits as:

- Police Officer Recruit David Mirdala, 30, Avenel. Graduate of Colonia High School and attendee of Kean University and Middlesex County Community College;
- Police Officer Recruit Anna Monasterska, 25, Avenel. Graduate of J.P. Stevens High School and Rutgers University with B.S. Degree in Criminal Justice;
- Police Officer Recruit Ian Inverno, 32, Woodbridge. Graduate of St. Joseph High School, Wagner College and Middlesex County Community College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree;
- Police Officer Recruit Michael Petyo, 26, Colonia. Graduate of Colonia High School and attendee at Middlesex County Community College. (His grandfather, Michael Petyo, served as a Woodbridge Township Police Officer for 25 years, retiring in 1979);
- Police Officer Recruit Michael Carroll, 29, Colonia. Graduate of Colonia High School and attendee of Middlesex County Community College majoring in Criminal Justice;
- Police Officer Recruit Michael Csanyi, 32, Avenel. Graduate of Colonia High School and attendee at Kean University majoring in computer science;
- Police Officer Recruit Andrew Kondracki, 27, Woodbridge. Graduate of St. Joseph High School and Rutgers University with a B.S. Degree in the Administration of Justice. Former New Jersey Transit Police Officer and member of the Woodbridge P.D. Auxiliary Police;
- Police Officer Recruit Philip Agosta, 29, Woodbridge. Graduate of Woodbridge High School and former member of the Woodbridge P.D. Operation & Support Unit.

“These individuals and future Woodbridge Township police officers are dedicated to serving their community. Their upcoming training will prepare them for their service. I welcome them to the ranks of the Woodbridge Township Police Department,” said Chief Trenery.

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