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NEW TRIBAL POLICE OFFICERS TO BE SWORN IN *Six New Officers to Join Akwesasne Tribal Police Force*

AKWESASNE TERRITORY— Police cadets Michael A. Benedict, Jr., Kristen L. Jacobs, William T. Ransom, Karonienhawi Thomas, Jordan Lauzon and Decota D. Thompson will be sworn-in on Saturday February 7th, at 9:30 AM by Tribal Court Judge P.J. Herne. The recruits are currently attending training at SUNY Canton and Plattsburgh Police Academies and will undergo 20 weeks of classroom and on-the-job training before graduation in May and June. Exact graduation dates will be announced at a later date.

The St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Police Force currently consists of 20 patrol officers, plus the Police Chief and Deputy Police chief. Their service area encompasses the St. Regis Mohawk reservation and officers are all certified with New York State Police. The force works closely with the U.S. Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and the Drug Enforcement Agency. All six new officers will begin their law enforcement careers as patrol officers.

The swearing-in ceremony will take place in the lobby of the Tribal Community Building immediately prior to the monthly tribal meeting. Community members and press are invited to attend this event.

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