



## **Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release**

### **Vienna Police Department Welcomes New Police Officer**



(Pictured from Left to Right are Deputy Chief Daniel Janickey, Officer Jedidiah Temple, Captain Arturo Sylmar and Academy Instructor MPO Michael Finelli)

Officer Jedidiah Temple officially completed his training at the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy on October 19, 2023. This significant achievement marked the conclusion of an intensive six-month program designed to equip newly recruited police officers with a comprehensive understanding of law enforcement practices.

This non-residential training program encompassed an extensive 920+ hours of instruction, covering a diverse curriculum that included 320 hours of academic studies, 94 hours of firearms training, 84 hours of emergency vehicle operation, 110 hours of physical training, and 130 hours of defensive tactics instruction. The Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy isn't exclusive to new recruits like Officer Temple; it serves as a training ground for both novice and experienced officers hailing from various law enforcement agencies, such as Vienna, Herndon, Fairfax County Police, Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, and the Fairfax County Fire Marshal's Office.

Becoming a police officer and gaining admission to the Academy is no easy feat. Candidates must endure a rigorous application process, which includes a comprehensive background check, a thorough medical examination, a polygraph test, and a series of interviews. It's worth noting that only a mere 2% of applicants successfully navigate this process and earn the privilege of attending the basic recruit class.

In the next phase of his law enforcement journey, Officer Jedidiah Temple will be mentored by a Field Training Instructor (FTI) over the course of twelve weeks. During this period, the FTI will closely observe and guide Officer Temple's performance in various areas, such as officer safety, traffic enforcement, interactions with the community, report writing, criminal investigations, handling vehicular accidents, and numerous other aspects integral to the responsibilities of a law enforcement officer.

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