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GJPD to Swear In 15 New Officers

(Grand Junction, CO) – The largest group of new Grand Junction Police Officers ever to be sworn in at one time will raise their right hands and take an oath to protect and serve, on Tuesday, July 31, 2007. At 9:00 a.m. in the GJPD's Konzak Training Room, 625 Ute Avenue, Police Chief Bill Gardner will administer the oath of office to the new officers, including nine recent graduates of Mesa State College's Western Colorado Peace Officers Academy.

This group of new hires represents more than a year of work by the department's Professional Standards Unit and City Human Resources Division to recruit officer candidates. The GJPD is now up to full authorized strength with 100 sworn officers. Once the new officers are sworn in, they will immediately begin a four month classroom and field training program.

The second largest group of new hires in the GJPD's history started in 1976, when 12 new officers were sworn in at the same time.

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