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MEMORANDUM

To: Bernard Hvozdovic, *Administrator*
From: Christopher Tash, *Chief of Police*
Subject: New Hires
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The Princeton Police Department initiated a recruitment process in Spring of 2025, attracting over 140 applicants. The comprehensive process included several stages: an open house where applicants could meet officers and learn about the department and municipality; a physical fitness test; screening interviews for those who passed the fitness test; panel interviews involving officers of various ranks; a thorough background investigation; post-background investigation interviews; and interviews with the Public Safety Committee for the top candidates.

The four candidates recommended for employment have excelled in every stage of this rigorous process and exemplify the promise of a bright future for our police department. If the resolution for their appointment is approved, two candidates will begin basic training at the Mercer County Police Academy on September 2, 2025. Following successful completion of their academy training, they will proceed to field training and are expected to be fully qualified for patrol duties by May 2026. The other two candidates are currently Police Commission certified and will begin field training in September 2025 and will be expected to be fully qualified for patrol duties by January 2026.

This recruitment and selection process has been highly successful. We have achieved our objective of identifying a group of highly qualified and diverse individuals who will serve the Princeton community with dedication and excellence for years to come.