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****PRESS RELEASE****WALLA WALLA POLICE DEPT**** New Officers Fill Three Open Positions

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Three new Police Officers were sworn in this evening during a ceremony held at the Police Department's Chuck Fulton Community Room. The new additions will be assigned to Patrol to backfill for the newly formed Career Criminal Apprehension Team (CCAT) and the Gang Enforcement Team (GET) which are both part of the Police Department's violent crime reduction strategy. The newly hired officers will bring the total number of commissioned police officers to 46.

The three officers bring a variety of law enforcement related skills with them:

Officer Paul Green started his law enforcement career at the Walla Walla Sheriff's Office. His first shift at WWPD was on December 4th. Prior to WWSO, Green served 6 years in the US Navy as a Seal Team member. Green attended schools in Waitsburg and Walla Walla, graduating from Wa-Hi in 2001.

Officer David Garland left the Terre Haute, Indiana, Police Department after 8 years to accept the position here. During his tenure there, Garland worked Patrol, Detectives, and was also a member of their SWAT Team and served as one of their Defensive Tactics Instructors. Garland was born in Walla Walla, but his family moved away when he was young.

Officer Eric Eastman was born and raised in Walla Walla, graduating from Walla Walla High School in 2010. He also has prior military experience, serving in the US Marine Corps for over 5 years. Eastman had been offered a position with the Richland Police Department, but selected WWPD when the offer was made.

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