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Soon to Open Jail Annex:
a Direct Link between
LARGE CLASS OF RECRUITS

The long overcrowded conditions at the Newport News City Jail will soon begin to ease. The former Juvenile Detention Center on 25th Street is getting a full overhaul and will open as the Sheriff's Office Jail Annex when renovations are complete in the Fall. The annex will have approximately 105 beds, additional classrooms for inmate rehabilitative programs, an indoor recreation area to use even in inclement weather, and state of the art surveillance.

In order to have a successful opening, however, one major hurdle must be surmounted: Personnel to staff the facility.

The Newport News Sheriff's Office has met its recruitment goals. Twenty-eight (28) new deputy recruits will enter the corrections training academy on July 24th, 2008. They will graduate on October 16th.

The first day begins with an orientation reminiscent of military boot camp. The intense workout is designed to get the recruits' attention and set the tone for the 13-week academy. This is a good video and photo opportunity.

The Hampton Roads Criminal Justice Training Academy (HRCJTA) is located at 805 Middle Ground Blvd. Newport News (near Gold's Gym). In addition to the 28 recruits from the Newport News Sheriff's Office, there will be 29 others from various agencies for a total class size of 57. This is one of the largest classes of new deputies and jail officers that the HRCJTA has had.

Thursday, July 24 at 8:00 a.m. will be an excellent time for news coverage. If you are unable to attend that early, the Newport News Sheriff's Office can provide video and will make arrangements for you to come later to get interviews and additional footage.



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