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# News Release

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## **Police Department to Hold Police Academy Graduation February 7**

DURHAM, N.C. - On Thursday, February 7, 2019, the Durham Police Department (DPD) will hold graduation exercises for Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) academy class No. 48 at 6 p.m. at the Durham Convention Center, 301 W. Morgan Street. The keynote address will be delivered by Erik A. Hooks, secretary of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NC DPS). Media and the general public are invited to attend the graduation exercises.

Twenty-three recruits will graduate after successfully completing 24 weeks of tactical and classroom training. A program highlight is the presentation of awards for highest class scores in academics, driving, firearms and physical fitness.

For more information call the Durham Police Department Public Affairs Office at (919) 560-4322, extension 29194.

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**BLET No. 48 Graduating Class Demographics**

- Ethnicities represented – Caucasian, Black and Hispanic
- Males: 20
- Females: 3
- Ages range from 20 to 37 years old
- North Carolinians: 7
- Durham natives: 2
- Related to former/current law enforcement officers: 10 (two of which are related to DPD officers)

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