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TELECOMMUNICATORS TO GRADUATE FROM FIRST MANDATED ACADEMY

RICHMOND – Twenty-seven telecommunicators are scheduled to graduate Friday from the Department of Criminal Justice Training's first four-week academy since the General Assembly passed a law requiring participation in the training program.

In March, Gov. Paul Patton signed into law House Bill 406, which requires all full-time telecommunicators to complete a training academy and attend annual professional development courses. The legislation ensures that telecommunicators across the state are uniformly trained and equally prepared to successfully perform their work.

Sen. Damon Thayer, Georgetown, spoke in favor of the legislation in the Senate and helped usher the bill through that chamber. He will be the guest speaker at Friday's graduation ceremony, which is scheduled for 10 a.m. in Eastern Kentucky University's Posey Auditorium. The auditorium is located in the Stratton Building.

The graduates, representing 20 emergency communications centers in Kentucky, began training July 14. Training areas include basic telecommunications, the Criminal Justice Information System (LINK/NCIC), CPR, emergency medical dispatch, basic Spanish, family violence and crisis negotiation.

Under HB 406, all telecommunicators who have access to the Criminal Justice Information System must attend a four-week academy. Telecommunicators who do not have access to the CJIS must attend a three-week academy.

Prior to the legislation, all full-time telecommunicators were required to attend one week of basic training. Those with access to CJIS had a mandatory second week of training to learn the computerized criminal justice data system. All full-time telecommunicators are required to complete eight hours of professional development courses annually.



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Graduating telecommunicators and their employing agencies are:

Daniel Boring	Logan County Emergency Operations Center
Tyler Branham	KSP Pikeville
Elyse R. Brooks	Logan County Emergency Operations Center
Rhoda Brown	Pendleton County Sheriff's Office
Adam D. Cummins	KSP Dry Ridge
Katherine Delaney	Hopkinsville/Christian County Communications
William Deutsch	Paris/Bourbon County 911
Johnathon Downing	Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
Jennifer Funch	Boone County Public Safety Communications Center
Jessica Hill	Whitley County Communications Center
Joyce A. Johnson	Logan County Emergency Operations Center
Misty D. Lee	Paducah/McCracken County E-911 Communications Service
Natalie D. Luttrell	Daviess County Sheriff's Office
Connie Michalski	Springfield Police Department
Scott L. Partin	Barbourville Police Department
Cathy B. Pigg	KSP Mayfield
Amy N. Rowland	Clay County 911
Gregory L. Sherwood	Oldham County Dispatch
Ryan L. Shinkle	Northern Kentucky University Police Department
Morgan D. Snyder	Paintsville/Johnson County 911
Amy L. Swem	Whitley County Communications Center
Leanne Thomas	Paducah/McCracken County E-911 Communications Service
Alice A. Warren	Logan County Emergency Operations Center
Houston C. White	KSP Frankfort
Jerry L. Wiley	Paintsville/Johnson County 911
Robert N. Wilson	Boone County Public Safety Communications Center
Jessica S. Wooldridge	Frankfort/Franklin County 911

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