



Fire and Police Commission

Leon W. Todd
Executive Director

Edward Fallon
Chair

Amanda Avalos
Vice-Chair

Fred Crouther
LaNelle Ramey
Dana World-Patterson
Bree Spencer
Gerard Washington
Ruben Burgos
Commissioners

November 2, 2022

Dear Alderman Spiker:

Pursuant to your request, please find the responses (made in blue) to the inquiries regarding the 2023 police classes:

- 1) Whether the second class of 2023 police officers could accommodate an additional 15 officers, bringing the total in that class from 50 (COPS-grant-funded positions) up to 65 (with the extra 15 being levy-funded). **Yes, our original plan was for both classes of 2023 to be 65 recruits.**
- 2) What spacing is needed between the two proposed 2023 police classes. My understanding is that it is seven pay periods, meaning that if the first class were to start in PP10 of 2023, the second could start no earlier than PP17. **You are correct, the training academy needs at least seven (7) pay periods between starting class dates.**
- 3) How long it takes to train a class. This would enable one to tell from the fact that a class starts in, say, PP17, when it would graduate from the Academy. **The training academy lasts a total of six (6) months. A recruit beginning in PP17 of 2023 would graduate in early to mid-February 2024.**
- 4) Whether a new recruitment list would be needed to get enough acceptable applicants to add these 15 additional slots to the second class. If so, is it feasible, within the timeframe envisaged, to create the list in question? **We already have an additional recruitment for police officer planned with the application period beginning at the end of this month, so the additional 15 candidates could be pulled from that eligible list.**

Please contact me or Executive Director Todd if you require further information or have any questions regarding the information provided. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/ Naomi Gehling

Naomi Gehling
Deputy Director

c: Executive Director Lee Todd