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GPD personnel now at 58

Three new hires have been brought aboard at the Gallup Police Department, officials confirmed. Ransom James, Adrian Quetawki and Francis Collins graduated from the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy on Nov. 16 and will soon start work as regular officers, Marinda Spencer, public information officer at GPD, said.

Spencer did not give information on where the three officers are originally from. Salary information on the three was not immediately available from the Gallup Human Resources Department.

The hiring comes a few months after new Gallup Police Chief Phillip Hart promoted a slew of personnel to higher positions, among them career police employee Franklin Boyd to deputy chief. Hart was sworn in to the chief's job in June.

Spencer said Collins received the High Marksman Award from the academy's Class No. 193. The state Law Enforcement Academy is located in Santa Fe. These new hirings bring the number of city police personnel to 58 — following through on a mandate made to increase those numbers by Hart shortly after he assumed the job.

The three will be paired with individual field training officers and then, upon completion, be released into the full police work force, Spencer said.

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