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LOCAL & STATE POLICE OFFICERS HOLD GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY FOR POLICE TRAINING FACILITY

On Thursday, June 10th, 2004 at 3:00 p.m., local and state police officers will join students from the Wilcox Technical School to conduct a formal, ground-breaking ceremony for a "new" law enforcement training project.

As the result of cooperative efforts between the Connecticut Police Academy-POST Council, Connecticut State Police and students from the Wilcox Technical School, will begin construction of four (4) buildings on the grounds of the Connecticut Police Academy. These building's will comprise a mini-city called "Wilcox Township." The buildings will be utilized in the training of both recruit and veteran officers in Police Tactics.

This unique training facility will be built by students of the Wilcox Technical Training School in Meriden, CT. These technical students will be constructing four buildings, which represent various structures and environments that police officers in Connecticut often encounter. The students from Wilcox Tech will be gaining first-hand experience by providing the structural design, and physical construction of the buildings. Participating student will also be accruing apprentice credits towards their graduation requirements.

This ceremony will be held at the Connecticut Police Academy, located at #285 Preston Avenue in Meriden, CT. Speakers will include political figures, as well as, representatives from P.O.S.T., Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, Connecticut Technical Schools, and the Principal of Wilcox Technical High School.

This event is open to the public and media. This ground breaking will take place on Thursday, JUNE 10, 2004 at 3:00 P.M. on Range Road located to the rear of the Connecticut Police Academy.

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