



Peace Officer Recruits Ready for Graduation

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The 2008 Schenectady County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is getting ready to graduate its first class of peace officers.

Before that, however, the group had to take part in some hands-on training. The 13 recruits were trained in the use of pepper spray, including the experience of receiving the burning mist in their own eyes.

This was the last training exercise before the June 17th graduation, and these future peace officers say they are ready to hit the streets.

"I hope that we can get some people off the streets that are doing things they shouldn't be doing, and have people have more knowledge about animals," said officer trainee Chris Morrill.

The peace officers are all volunteers. All of the training and equipment for the Schenectady County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is paid for through grants and public donations.