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COATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT HIRING ADVANCES

COATESVILLE, Pa. - Consistent with Civil Service requirements, the Police Department has initiated a Provisional Hiring Process designed to expedite the selection and hiring of Coatesville police officers, the Coatesville Police Department today announced.

Twenty-two individuals with ACT 120 training were interviewed for seven open police officer positions in the City of Coatesville. ACT 120 training is a comprehensive, mandatory, 752-hour program, designed to prepare an individual for certification to become a police officer within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Successful applicants must pass the accelerated exam which includes background, medical and psychological evaluations. Applicants will take Part I of the accelerated exam this month (January 2008). Individuals that pass the exam may be eligible to receive conditional offers for provisional employment from the Coatesville Police Department. Coatesville Police Chief William Matthews plans to have several new officers on the street next month (February 2008).

“By utilizing the department’s recruiting slogan, *Could You Answer the Call?*, we hope to have as many as five or six new police officers before a new Civil Service Eligibility List is created,” Matthews said.

Applicants that do not receive a provisional offer from the Coatesville Police Department will be considered when the new Civil Service Eligibility List is created. Early retirements may open more positions in the department.

The potential police officer candidates include 12 prospects from department recruitment efforts and 10 from the 33 listed on the Police Candidate List. This list, created in 2006, was part of a recruitment initiative by the previous police chief. All 33 persons on the Police Candidate list were contacted for interviews. Only ten were available and all ten were interviewed.

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