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Two Airport Police Officers Recognized for Top Academy Performance

The Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) today proudly recognized two Airport Authority Police Officers who each graduated at the top of his class following recent 16-week Basic Training programs conducted by the Wayne County Regional Police Training Academy. Airport Police Officers Ian Wong of Westland and Thomas Zahina of Milan both received commendation for their outstanding achievement from the Airport Authority Board at its meeting this afternoon at the Westin Detroit Metropolitan Airport in Romulus.

“The Authority is exceptionally proud of Officers Wong and Zahina for individually finishing at the top of their classes,” said WCAA CEO Lester Robinson. “Public safety and security is the Airport Authority’s top priority, and we applaud both officers for their commitment to excellence.”

Officer Wong, and two-year veteran of the Airport Police, received The Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards Outstanding Performance Award for finishing top among his May 2008 Academy class of 39 students.

Officer Thomas Zahina, a one-year Police veteran, was recognized by the Academy in late 2007 with two honors: the Academic Achievement Award and the Douglas Pederson Scholarship Award for his top performance among his 38-member November 2007 Academy class.

Both officers are currently assigned to the Airport Police Communications Unit. Following their outstanding performance in the Academy, both officers have requested and are awaiting assignments to the Patrol Unit.

The Wayne County Airport Authority Police Department is an independent police agency responsible for law enforcement at both Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) and Willow Run Airport. Serving nearly 36 million passengers per year, DTW is the nation’s 12th busiest passenger airport and the 13th busiest airport in the world in terms of aircraft take-offs and landings. Historic Willow Run Airport serves as a reliever to DTW and as a major cargo, charter and general aviation facility.

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