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## **New Hudson Police Officer Sworn in at CVTC**

### ***Elias Schendel enrolled in CVTC Law Enforcement Academy***

**Eau Claire, WI** – Normally, a new officer for the Hudson Police Department takes the oath in the city, but Hudson Police Chief Geoff Willems took a road trip to Chippewa Valley Technical College in Eau Claire recently to swear in his newest officer.

Officer Elias Schendel, who was sworn in on Tuesday, March 12 at CVTC's Emergency Services Education Center, is enrolled in the Law Enforcement Academy there. He will finish in May, a necessary step to become a licensed officer in Wisconsin.

Schendel, a Hudson High School graduate from Roberts, showed strong interest in being a Hudson Police Officer before he applied.

"Elias came to talk to me before we started the application process so he would know what he needed to do," Willems said. "He did a couple of ride-alongs and the staff liked him. He was very personable. The interview process reaffirmed what the staff was saying."

"I really liked the community and the department," Schendel said. "I did some ride-alongs back in high school too and decided to go that route in school."

Schendel attended UW-Eau Claire and will receive his criminal justice degree, along with his certification to work as a law enforcement officer, when he completes the CVTC academy. "CVTC has a very good academy," Schendel said. "I had heard that from other officers."

Willems noted that the idea of having a new officer sworn in while still in the academy is a new one.

"This is something we are trying to do ramp up our recruiting process," Willems said. "We want to celebrate milestones in people's careers in the department, and being hired is one of the first milestones."

All of Schendel's academy classmates attended the swearing in, standing at attention in formation. Schendel's parents, Jeff and Sarah Schendel, also attended along with uncle and aunt Mike and Sally Schendel.

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**Cutline:**

With Hudson Chief of Police standing behind him, Elias Schendel takes the oath as a new city of Hudson police officer Tuesday, March 12, at Chippewa Valley Technical College in Eau Claire, where Schendel is enrolled in the CVTC Police Academy. Administering the oath is Rose Berger of CVTC.

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