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## **Eight Students to Graduate from Police Academy**

**DURANGO** – The Southwest Regional Law Enforcement Academy in Durango, a program of Southwest Colorado Community College (SCCC), will hold its commencement ceremony for eight students, their families, and community members at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at the Durango Public Library. This year’s graduation commencement address will be given by Chief Roy Lane with the Cortez Police Department, and the public is invited to attend.



Photo: Fall 2011 Graduating Class, Southwest Regional Law Enforcement Academy

“The Law Enforcement Academy is one of SCCC’s many career and technical education programs which enables students to get the technical skills they need to enter the workforce in a relatively short timeframe,” said Dr. Lynn Urban, Dean of SCCC’s campus. “The Academy prepares individuals for careers in law enforcement throughout the state of Colorado. Many of our graduates stay in the area and are currently employed by several different law enforcement agencies.”

The Law Enforcement Academy is a full-time intensive training that lasts 17 weeks, involving both academic and practical instruction. Once they graduate from the Academy, the students have one more hurdle: Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) certification.

“It takes complete commitment to be successful in this program,” said Gini England, director of the program and a retired Colorado State Patrol captain. “Each of these students has demonstrated their dedication to the training, and I am proud to celebrate their success.”

A new part-time Law Enforcement Academy begins in January. Applications into the program are now being accepted. For more information, contact Gloryann Linch at: (970) 247-2929 ext 7203.

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