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Academy Class 168 Conquers Half Dome in Preparation for Graduation

MODESTO, CA-Stanislaus County Sheriff's Regional Training Division Academy Class 168 conquered Half Dome as the class prepares for their graduation next Friday, September 19, 2008. Lead by Sheriff's Lt. Jim Gordon, MPD Sgt. Rick Applegate, MPD Officer Tom Rhea, and Stanislaus Regional 911 Dispatcher Tina Applegate, members of Class 168 volunteered to accompany Training Division staff on one of the toughest physical challenges the class has ever encountered.



Yosemite National Park's "Half Dome" is one of the premier hiking destinations in the United States, and undoubtedly one of the most physically demanding hikes throughout California. As the Class reached their goal, they were greeted with a phone call from Sheriff Adam Christianson congratulating them as they stood atop one of the highest points in the region.

"We are very proud of what these new officers and deputies have accomplished during their time with us" said Sheriff Adam Christianson. "We look forward to seeing them graduate next week".

"Conquering Half Dome is a testament to what these troops can do if they put their minds to it," said Sheriff's Lt. Jim Gordon. "A part of them is with us, and a part of us is with them. By the time they leave us, these new officers and deputies know they can achieve anything they set their minds to".

Class 168 is set to graduate Friday, September 19, 2008 at 1:00 P.M. at the San Joaquin Delta College auditorium, located at 5151 Pacific Avenue, Stockton. Members of the public and law enforcement agencies are invited to attend. For graduation information, please contact Teresa Pedro at 525-4701.

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