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FRANKFORT, Ky. (January, 30, 2026) –Today, the Kentucky State Police (KSP) announced the graduation of 32 cadets from the KSP Training Academy, marking the start of their careers as state troopers serving communities throughout Kentucky.

During the graduation ceremony, KSP Commissioner Phillip Burnett, Jr. commended the graduates for their determination and resilience throughout the academy. “Completing this academy requires grit, focus and an unwavering commitment to public service,” Commissioner Burnett said. “These troopers have met high standards every step of the way, and our academy staff has worked tirelessly to ensure they are ready for the realities of this profession. I am confident they will carry out their duties with integrity, courage and professionalism.”



Cadet Class 106 reported to the KSP Academy on Aug. 10 and completed 24 weeks of intensive academic instruction and practical training designed to prepare them for the challenges of modern law enforcement. Over the course of the academy, cadets completed more than 1,000 hours of classroom learning and hands-on exercises covering a wide range of topics, including constitutional law, traffic and juvenile law, use of force, firearms training, defensive tactics, emergency medical care, criminal investigations, crash reconstruction, evidence

handling, search and seizure, drug identification, computer and electronic crimes, domestic violence response, sex crimes, hate crimes, crowd and traffic control, hazardous materials, bomb threats, hostage negotiations and high-speed vehicle pursuits.

KSP Post 8 Acting Post Commander Lt. Bobby King welcomes the new cadets by commending them for their determination and resilience throughout the academy. “We’re proud to welcome you to Post 8. You are joining a team that takes great pride in serving eastern Kentucky

with integrity, professionalism, and heart.” Lt. King said. “We look forward to standing beside you as you begin this next chapter of your career.”

Cadet Class 106 graduates assigned to Post 8, Morehead, are:
William Carver, Morehead, Ky.
Matthew Dugan, Williamsburg, Ky
Jace Fugate, Jackson, Ky.
Noah Harden, West Liberty, Ky.
Kaleb Slone, Beatyville, Ky.
Alexander Watkins, Jackson, Ky.

Several members of the graduating class received special recognition during the ceremony, including Trooper Kaleb Slone, who was named the Cadet Class 106 Salutatorian.

Twelve cadets earned their associate degree in General Occupational and Technical Studies from the Bluegrass Community and Technical College during their 24 weeks at the training



This cold weather has us dreaming of sunshine and green fairways!
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Mark your calendars and start planning to join us for a fun-filled day on the course in support of CASA. Whether you’re a seasoned golfer or just in it for the camaraderie, this is a day you won’t want to miss!
More details coming soon—until then, start practicing that swing and thinking warm thoughts!

academy. These cadets benefited from the new hiring guidelines established by the state legislature in 2017. Through this revision, anyone who possesses a high school diploma or GED and has three years of full-time work experience can apply for employment as a KSP Trooper

MFD remembers former Chief



Last week the Morehead Fire Department recognized one of their own following his recent passing on their Facebook page:

“The Morehead Fire Department mourns the passing of William “Lee”

Helwig, a dedicated firefighter, respected leader and long-standing member of our fire service family.

“Lee honorably served the citizens of Morehead throughout his career with the department,

including his service as Fire Chief. His leadership, experience and commitment to the fire service helped guide this department and set a standard of professionalism and service. He was deeply respected by those who served under his command and alongside him.

“Chief Helwig answered the call with courage, integrity, and a steadfast dedication to

duty. His influence and legacy will continue to be felt within the Morehead Fire Department and throughout the community he served.

“We extend our heartfelt condolences to the Helwig family and to all members of the fire service mourning his loss. He will be remembered, honored and never forgotten.”

You can find Helwig’s obituary on page 4.

Legal Notice

Waltz Towing located at 6765 Cranston Rd, Morehead, KY 40351, will be auctioning off the following vehicles listed below.

Charolette Sallie & Kemba Credit Union
2011 Nissan Juke
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The auction will be held on February 16, 2026 at 10:00 am.

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