

YOLO COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE

Re:	Correctional Officer promotes to Deputy Sheriff
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Deputy Gina Giovacchini began her career with the Yolo County Sheriff's Department in March 2005 working in the detention center as a Correctional Officer to gain experience in law enforcement. On Tuesday, December 18, 2007 she was sworn in as a Deputy Sheriff after graduating from the Ray Simon Criminal Justice Training Center in Modesto, CA. Deputy Giovacchini currently lives in Stockton. She earned her Bachelors degree in Criminology from California State University in Fresno.

"The peace officer course is a grueling one," stated Deputy Giovacchini. During the six months she was there her focus was on her academic and physical training. The course was twenty-four weeks in length. Recruits worked on campus from seven in the morning until five in the evening, taking an array of academic courses requiring a minimum of an eighty percent average grade to pass. In addition to classroom training the recruits had intense emergency vehicle operation training, use of weapons, and varied rigorous, physical training with high score required for a passing grade. In the evenings and on weekends they studied and reviewed for tests. There were seventy-two people who began the training and fifty-seven graduated. Of those fifty-seven there were six females.

Deputy Giovacchini averaged 92% in her academic courses and she had the highest average female score in her group for her physical training. Yolo County Sheriff Ed Prieto remarked, "She excelled at the academy, did extremely well while working in the detention center, and we have great expectations of her work in patrol."