

Officers' Accomplishments Recognized

March 16, 2009 - Three Watertown Police Department officers were recognized for their accomplishments at a ceremony held at the WPD on Monday. Patrol Officers Ryan Beauchamp and

Nicholas Ahmann recently passed the South Dakota Law Enforcement reciprocity test, and last week marked the conclusion of Sergeant Troy VanDusen's 8-week K9 handler training and certification. All three were honored by the department during the ceremony.

Beauchamp started employment with the WPD in August 2008, and Ahmann started two months later, in October. Both earned Associate's Degrees in Law Enforcement Sciences from Southeast Technical Institute in May of 2008. Beauchamp and Ahmann passed the South Dakota Law Enforcement Training reciprocity test last week. This is a huge accomplishment for Beauchamp and Ahmann, and it is also a

big cost savings to the City because as a result of their passing the test, they will not be required to attend the 12-week Basic Certification course in Pierre.

Sergeant VanDusen has been with the WPD since 1997. In October of 2008, VanDusen was assigned as K-9 handler and was paired with his partner, Turk. VanDusen started his 8-week K9 handler certification training in January in Sioux Falls. He received his South Dakota certification on March 12, with a total of 320 training hours.

