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NJDOC WELCOMES THE NEWEST CLASS OF STATE CORRECTIONAL POLICE OFFICERS

TRENTON, NJ – The New Jersey Department of Corrections (NJDOC) today held a graduation ceremony for trainees who have completed the State Basic Course for Correctional Police Officers, Class 252, at the War Memorial in Trenton.

“I am proud to welcome the newest class of correctional police officers who will undoubtedly represent the best of our department in promoting public safety and the successful reintegration of incarcerated individuals back into the community,” said Commissioner Victoria L. Kuhn, Esq. “Correctional police officers in New Jersey are among the country's most well-trained and skilled officers, and I extend my sincerest congratulations on completing the rigorous 18-week training.”

The NJDOC training facility is located at the National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt. The programs offered are designed to develop and enhance the skills of officers and prepare them for future advancement while presenting a comprehensive, multi-faceted approach to training.

The Training Academy conducts basic training for state correctional police officers with instructors who are certified by the Police Training Commission. Training classes include arrest, search and seizure, de-escalation, appropriate use of force, criminal law, first aid/CPR, weaponry, unarmed defensive tactics, intensive physical conditioning, security concepts, human relations, and professional development.

The class comprises 58 graduates, including five veterans representing the Army, and 14 members of Class 252 come from families with a strong tradition in law enforcement. In addition, 28 trainees have received secondary degrees: Associates (13), Bachelors (14), and Masters (1).

The graduates of Class 252 come from 17 counties across New Jersey and one from New York: Bergen (8), Burlington (1), Camden (1), Cape May (1), Cumberland (4), Essex (5), Gloucester (2), Hudson (8), Mercer (1), Middlesex (3), Monmouth (5), Ocean (1), Passaic (6), Somerset (3), Sussex (1), Union (9), Warren (2) and Kings County, NY (1).

A total of 1,081 trainees have graduated since Governor Murphy took office in January 2018. To learn more about the New Jersey Department of Corrections, visit www.njdoc.gov.

For more information on becoming an NJDOC Correctional Police Officer, visit: <https://www.state.nj.us/corrections/pages/careers.shtml>

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