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NEW JERSEY STATE PAROLE BOARD SWEARS IN SIX NEW PAROLE OFFICER RECRUITS

Parole Officer Recruits Are Ready, Willing, and Able to do Their Part to Ensure Public Safety Throughout New Jersey Communities

TRENTON, NJ, December 16, 2019 — Six new parole officer recruits were sworn in at the State Parole Board's central office in Trenton. The recruits were part of a larger class of newly minted investigators from law enforcement agencies throughout the state that recently graduated from the Division of Criminal Justice's (DCJ) Basic Course for Investigators. The graduation ceremony was held at Monmouth University.

The parole officer recruits who graduated from DCJ's Basic Course for Investigators, class number 19-2, were Alexandra Bredael, Nadine Elhage, John Morgan, Nicholas Garcia, Christopher Leeman and Angelina Ponce.

Parole Officer Recruit Nicholas Garcia was honored by DCJ which presented him with the Academic Award for his highly successful results during the recruitment training. Also honored was Parole Officer Recruit Angelina Ponce, who received the Instructor's Determination Award. Parole Officer Recruit John Morgan was selected by the entire class to read the keynote address at graduation ceremony in front of a packed theatre.



The six-month basic course for investigators covers general topics such as investigative procedures, apprehension, and prosecution of criminals. Basic firearms training and physical conditioning training are also conducted during this rigorous training academy course held in Sea Girt, New Jersey.

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New Jersey State Parole Board Chairman Samuel J. Plumeri, Jr. said “On behalf of the entire State Parole Board, a hearty congratulations to the recruits who remained disciplined, committed and passionate during their course work. Their collective achievement speaks volumes about the fine work that our instructors do and how dedicated they are in training these new officers.”



“These six new parole officer recruits will augment our agency’s existing force which will further help us achieve our dual mission in ensuring public safety and providing successful integration,” said New Jersey State Parole Board Executive Director Steven Tallard. “I not only commend this talented group of young officers, but also applaud the trainers and mentors from the State Parole Board and State Criminal Justice Division.”

The six new parole officer recruits will now report to one of the agency’s 10 district offices which are placed throughout the state. There they will be paired with a sr. parole officer who will act as their field training officer for the next four to six weeks. They will learn the job as they serve as parole officer recruits for one year, and then be promoted to the title of senior parole officer if following the successful completion of their working test period.

The New Jersey State Parole Board (SPB) is committed to promoting public safety, utilizing effective methods to aid supervised offenders in reentering society, and to reduce the recidivism of offenders while addressing the needs of crime victims. As required by law, appointed parole board members and staff conduct approximately 13,500 hearings per year, solicit input from victims, and decide upon parole matters. Nearly 400 sworn SPB parole officers supervise more than 15,500 offenders and act as New Jersey’s primary law enforcement agency responsible for sex offender supervision. Additionally, SPB officers are also active partners with a variety of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and task forces. Finally, the SPB’s Community Programs Unit partners with government, non-profit, and private agencies to connect former inmates with vocational, mental health, and related services.

Photo Captions:

Photo # 1: New Jersey State Parole Board Chairman Samuel J. Plumeri, Jr. (*center- fourth from the left*) joins the six new parole officer recruits at their graduation ceremony held at Monmouth University.

Photos # 2: New Jersey State Parole Board Director of Legal Support Robin Stacy, Esq. (*far right*) administers the oath taken by the recruits at their swearing-in ceremony as State Parole Executive Director Steven Tallard (*second from the right*) observes. The swearing-in ceremony was held at the State Parole Board’s Central Office in Trenton.