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NEW JERSEY STATE PAROLE BOARD SWEARS IN 14 NEW PAROLE OFFICER RECRUITS

TRENTON, N.J., July 10, 2023 — Fourteen Parole Officer Recruits, 11 of which recently graduated from the Division of Criminal Justice Basic Course for Investigators, were sworn in at the New Jersey State Parole Board's (SPB's) Central Office in Trenton on Tuesday, June 27, 2023. Three recruits were sworn in from other law enforcement departments where they previously served.

The swearing-in ceremony was attended by SPB Chairman Samuel J. Plumeri, Jr.; Acting Director, Division of Parole, Kimberly Cavanaugh; Division of Parole command staff; and other SPB staff members. Of the 14 new recruits, one is from Atlantic County, one is from Bergen County, three are from Camden County, one is from Cumberland County, three are from Essex County, one is from Gloucester County, one is from Ocean County, two are from Union County, and one is from Warren County.

The recruits completed a 21-week Police Training Commission (PTC) certified academy course, which included classes in de-escalation, mental health, arrest procedures, investigation techniques, Parolee Supervision, unarmed defensive tactics, and firearms training. These dedicated individuals are now empowered to act as law enforcement officers anywhere in the State of New Jersey.

Chairman Plumeri said, "On behalf of the entire State Parole Board, congratulations to these new recruits whose discipline and passion earned them a place within this agency. You are all embarking on a noble and meaningful career, and the State Parole Board is fortunate to add an additional team of highly qualified, trained, and motivated Parole Officers."

The graduating officers who were sworn in at the ceremony were:

Deaasha Acquah-Abbiw
Steven Casello
Nykedda Coleman
Dominick Cucciniello
Abegayle Morrison
LaTasha Munn
Charles Parrish

John Reed III
Fatima Ross
Nishant Singh
Shadira Slater
Christian Smith
David Valdivia
Cheryl Waters

The mission of the New Jersey State Parole Board is to promote public safety and foster the successful rehabilitation of offenders through the implementation of policies that result in effective parole case management. A multitude of innovative parole initiatives assist the Board in addressing the needs of the community, crime victims, and offenders through responsible decision-making and supervision processes. These initiatives assist the New Jersey State Parole Board in meeting its important goals which include increased public safety, sustained recidivism rate reductions, and the successful and sustainable reintegration of offenders.

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