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**STATE CORRECTIONAL POLICE OFFICER CLASS 243  
GRADUATION SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 28**

**Trenton, N.J. – June 22, 2018** – The New Jersey Department of Corrections (NJDOC) will hold a graduation ceremony for those who have completed the State Basic Course for Correctional Police Officers, Class 243 on Thursday, June 28, which will take place at 10 a.m. in the Patriots Theater at the War Memorial in Trenton, New Jersey.

The 243<sup>rd</sup> Correctional Police Officer Class is comprised of 147 recruits, including 13 veterans who have served in the Army, Marines, and Air Force, and 51 individuals who hold have earned college degrees. Additionally, 33 members of Class 243 come from families with a strong tradition in law enforcement. Class 243 represents 18 counties of New Jersey with members from Essex (28); Middlesex (20); Bergen (16); Cumberland (12); Hudson (10); Mercer (11); Monmouth (11); Ocean (11); Union (eight); Passaic (seven); Camden (three); Burlington (two); Gloucester (two); Sussex (two); Atlantic (one); Cape May (one); Hunterdon (one); Somerset (one).

“I am extremely proud to welcome Class 243 to the New Jersey Department of Corrections and commend their unwavering commitment to the Garden State and its citizens,” said NJDOC Acting Commissioner Marcus O. Hicks, Esq. “I am confident that these men and women will carry out their responsibilities with honor and integrity while exemplifying high standards of professionalism.”

State Correctional Police Officers are required to complete a 14 week, residential training course at the NJDOC Training Academy in Sea Girt, New Jersey. Designed to simulate practical scenarios of the job, the rigorous course load provides a comprehensive law enforcement education through academic and physical training.

Two hundred and ninety-seven Correctional Police Officers have graduated since Governor Murphy took office in January 2018.

At the ceremony, Acting Commissioner Hicks will deliver the Oath of Office to the recruits as well as recognize 29 promotional recipients from within the NJDOC.

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