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NJDOC WELCOMES LATEST CLASS OF STATE CORRECTIONAL POLICE OFFICERS

TRENTON, NJ—July 27, 2020 -- The New Jersey Department of Corrections (NJDOC) today held a graduation ceremony for trainees who've completed the State Basic Course for Correctional Police Officers, Class 248, at the Correctional Staff Training Academy, located on the grounds of the National Guard Training Center, in Sea Girt.

The class is composed of 132 trainees, including eight veterans, representing the Army, Marines and Air Force.

Additionally, 63 members of Class 248 come from families with a strong tradition in law enforcement.

Class 248 represents all 21 counties of New Jersey, with members from Atlantic (five), Bergen (11), Burlington (five), Camden (four), Cape May (one), Cumberland (17), Essex (23), Gloucester (four), Hudson (three), Hunterdon (one), Mercer (four), Middlesex (eight),

Monmouth (five), Morris (one), Ocean (17), Passaic (five), Salem (three), Somerset (three), Sussex (two), Union (nine) and Warren (one).

“I am extremely proud to welcome Class 248 to the New Jersey Department of Corrections and commend their unwavering commitment to the Garden State and its citizens,” said NJDOC Commissioner Marcus O. Hicks, Esq., who will deliver the Oath of Office to the recruits. “I am confident that these officers 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. Due to the unique circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic, members of Class 248 ended up completing a total of 26 weeks of training. The trainees completed nine weeks of residential training before the pandemic forced the Training Academy to close. The trainees then completed 12 weeks of virtual training. Once the Training Academy was approved to reopen, the trainees returned and completed three weeks of residential training, followed by two weeks of agency training at their assigned correctional facilities.

Designed to simulate practical scenarios of the job, the rigorous course load provides a comprehensive law enforcement education through academic and physical training.

A total of 849 Correctional Police Officers have graduated since Governor Murphy took office in January 2018.

To learn more about the New Jersey Department of Corrections, visit <http://www.state.nj.us/corrections>.

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