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Basic Officer Training Course Graduation #18

Dover, DE - In a ceremony at the Central Administration Building, the Delaware Department of Correction graduated 11 cadets from the Basic Officer Training Course (BOTC). The graduates were sworn in as Probation Officers in front of family, friends, and DOC officials.

Today's ceremony included remarks from Deputy Commissioner Alan Grinstead, Chaplain Gus Christo, Training Administrator Jodie Hunter, Primary Instructor Alison Justiniano, and class speaker Olivia Banton. Deputy Commissioner Grinstead recognized the families of each graduate and thanked them for the support and encouragement shown to the cadets over the ten-week training academy. The academy provided a foundation of knowledge, skills, and techniques required to effectively supervise and manage adult offenders in the community. Among the topics addressed are conditions of supervision, offender assessments, victim services, weapons training, defensive tactics, offender contact, substance abuse training, and CPR/Basic First Aid.

Deputy Commissioner Grinstead congratulated the graduates and provided inspiration to the group as they embark upon their career in law enforcement. "As you begin your new career, I want you to remember this: it is never wrong to do the right thing. You are in a unique position with the ability to inspire and encourage those around you," he said. "Seek out and accept advice from others who share your desire to effect positive change. Be confident in your decision making and be wise enough to know you'll be questioned and challenged from time to time. Nevertheless, stay true to your instincts, principles and training."

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