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Basic Officer Training Course Graduation #16

Dover, DE – In a ceremony at the Central Administration Building this morning, 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, visiting officers, and DOC officials.

Today's ceremony included remarks from Commissioner Perry Phelps, Chaplain Gus Christo, Primary Instructor Captain Jodie Hunter, and class speaker Marisol Natal. Commissioner Phelps recognized the families of each graduate and thanked them for the support and encouragement shown to the cadets over the twelve-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.

Commissioner Phelps congratulated the graduates and provided inspiration to the group as they begin their career in law enforcement. "Believe in yourself and your capacity to institute real, lasting change in another person's life. In choosing a career in public service, you have dedicated yourself to making a positive impact on those around you," he said. "We are proud of your accomplishments thus far and have faith there are many more to come."

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