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Department of Correction Graduates its 219th Academy

Dover, DE – In a ceremony this afternoon, the Delaware Department of Correction graduated 26 employees from its Correctional Employee Initial Training (CEIT) academy. The newest Department members received their assignments in front of family, friends, and DOC officials. CEIT #219 was comprised of 19 Correctional Officers, five correctional counselors, one Food Service Specialist, and one Physical Plant Maintenance Mechanic. Today’s event featured remarks from Commissioner Perry Phelps, academy training staff, Chaplain Gus Christo, and class speaker Cameron Jackson. The Outstanding Cadet award was presented to James Bailey.

Members of CEIT class #219 completed nine weeks of training, including hands-on and classroom sessions in a multitude of areas. Areas of concentration included inmate supervision, weapons and chemical munitions, defensive tactics, emergency preparedness, report writing, substance abuse training, CPR/Basic First Aid and Mental Health First Aid, and inter-personal communication. They will now join the ranks of more than 2,500 employees who uphold the Department’s mission of protecting the public by supervising nearly 7,000 adult offenders in facilities throughout the state.

Commissioner Perry Phelps praised the graduates and provided words of encouragement as they begin their law enforcement career. “As you take the oath of office, remember you will be not only be responsible for providing safety and security for the public, your coworkers, and inmates, but also play an integral role in the rehabilitation of the inmates entrusted into our custody,” he said. “You have the power to change lives. You have the power to do what is right, what is moral, and what is good. Never take that power for granted.”

The instruction team for CEIT Class #219 consisted of Primary Instructor Matthew Hopp, Training Educator Dean Edge, Corporal Scott Lindell, Training Educator Brian Lewis, and Training Educator Randall Meding. A photo of today’s graduates is attached. Seated in the front row are: DOC Commissioner Perry Phelps, Training Educator Brian Lewis, Primary Instructor Matthew Hopp, Corporal Scott Lindell, and Deputy Commissioner Alan Grinstead.

