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Department of Correction Graduates its 220th Academy

Dover, DE — In a ceremony this afternoon, The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) graduated and assigned 18 employees from its Correctional Employee Initial Training (CEIT) academy. The graduates took the oath of office and received their assignments in front of family, friends, and DOC officials. CEIT class #220 consisted of 17 Correctional Officers and one Correctional Counselor. The ceremony featured remarks by DOC Deputy Commissioner Alan Grinstead, training staff, Chaplain Rory Russell, and inspirational words from class speaker Correctional Officer Maurizio DeGrande. It also included the presentation of the Outstanding Cadet award to Correctional Officer Carl Schulz.

Members of CEIT class #220 completed nine weeks of training, including hands-on and classroom sessions in a multitude of capacities. Areas of concentration included inmate supervision, weapons and chemical munitions, defensive tactics, emergency preparedness, report writing, substance abuse training, CPR/Basic 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.

Deputy Commissioner Alan Grinstead commended the graduates and provided words of encouragement as they begin their law enforcement career. "You have gone above and beyond the call of being a citizen of the State of Delaware, and have committed yourself to a career most would avoid," he said. "You have shown extraordinary character and strength by completing CEIT, and you will continue to exhibit that same strength as you support your brothers and sisters in uniform in the years to come."

The instruction team for CEIT Class #220 consisted of Primary Instructor Dean Edge, Training Educator Randall Meding, Corporal Joseph Sheridan, and Corporal Alethia Browne. A photo of today's graduates is attached. Seated in the front row are: DOC Deputy Commissioner Alan Grinstead, Corporal Alethia Browne, Training Educator Randall Meding, Corporal Joseph Sheridan, and Deputy Bureau Chief of Prisons Robert May.

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