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Basic Officer Training Course Graduation #17

Dover, DE - In a ceremony at the Central Administration Building, the Delaware Department of Correction graduated seven 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 Rory Russell, Training Administrator Louise Layton, Primary Instructor Captain Jodie Hunter, and class speaker Demetria Evans. 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. "Never forget your ability to influence those around you and always accept advice and seek wisdom from those who share your desire to do the right thing. Be wise enough to know your decisions and integrity will be questioned from time to time, but always have the confidence to stand behind your decisions, trust your instincts, and stay true to your principles."

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