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Department of Correction Graduates its 222nd Academy

Dover, DE — In a ceremony this morning, The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) graduated and assigned 20 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 #222 consisted of 15 Correctional Officers, one Correctional Counselor, one Food Service Specialist, two Physical Plant Maintenance Mechanics, and one K-9 officer. The ceremony featured remarks by DOC Deputy Commissioner Alan Grinstead, training staff, Chaplain Joe Kadtko, and inspirational words from class speaker Correctional Officer Bruce Muhammad Jr. It also included the presentation of the Outstanding Cadet award to Correctional Officer Bruce Muhammad Jr.

Members of CEIT class #222 completed 10 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. "During your career in Corrections, your success will not just be measured with numbers and statistics; it will be measured by your ability to guide and inspire those you interact with. We expect you to achieve great things and make an impact on the lives you touch."

The instruction team for CEIT Class #222 consisted of Primary Instructor Bernell Williams, Instructor Brian Lewis, and Drill Instructors Antonie Ford and Vincent Lewis. A photo of today's graduates is attached. Seated in the front row are: DOC Deputy Commissioner Alan Grinstead, Primary Instructor Burnell Williams, Drill Instructor Antoine Ford, and Warden of Special Operations Timothy Radcliffe.

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